



Lichess Tactics & Puzzles

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## Chapter 1

500 rated problems.

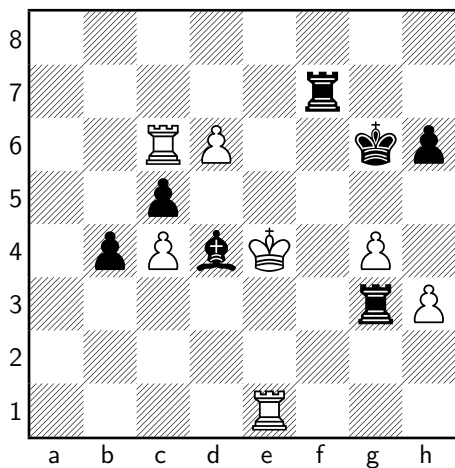


## Chapter 2

1000 rated problems.

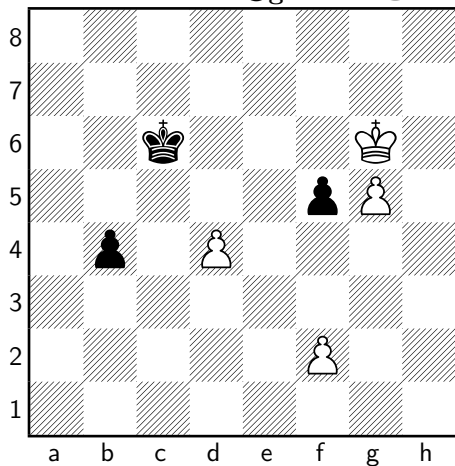
## 2.1 Advanced pawn

One of your pawns is deep into the opponent position, maybe threatening to promote.



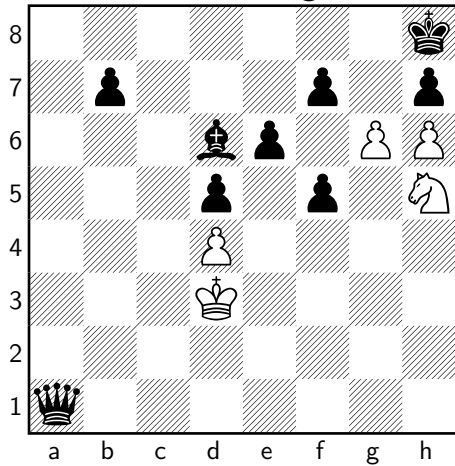
White to move.

Solution: 50 d7+ ♖g7 51 d8♔



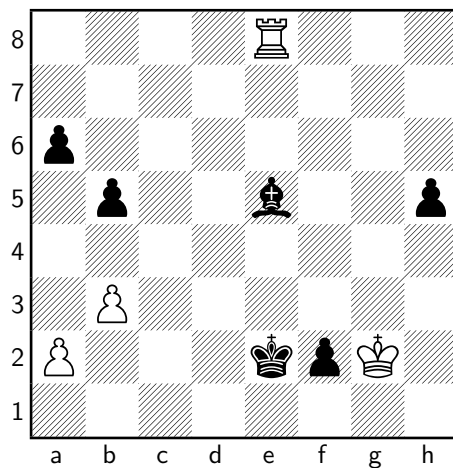
Black to move.

Solution: 51... b3 52 ♕f6 b2



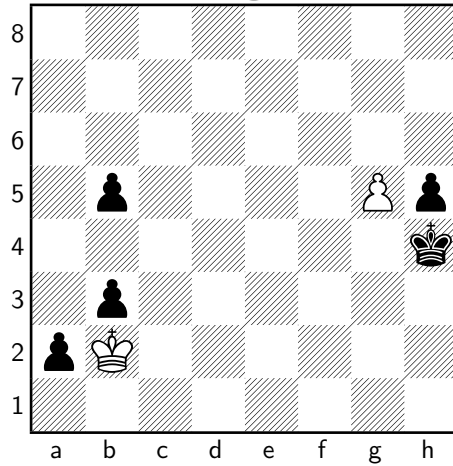
White to move.

Solution: 44 g7+ ♕g8 45 ♘f6♯



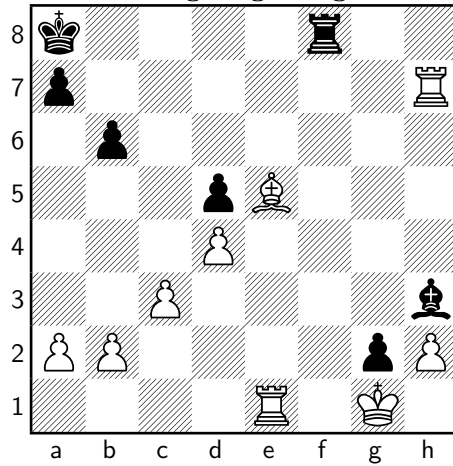
Black to move.

Solution: 52... f1♔♯



White to move.

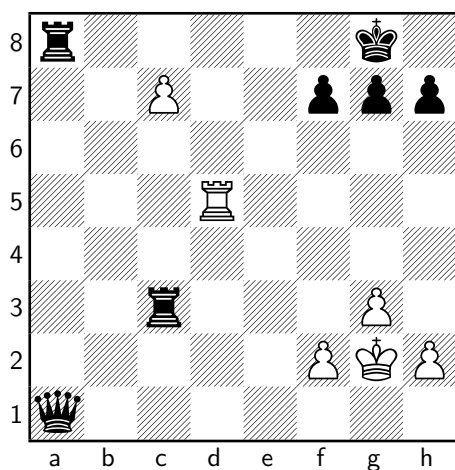
Solution: 42 g6 ♕g5 43 g7 a1♔+ 44 ♕xa1



Black to move.

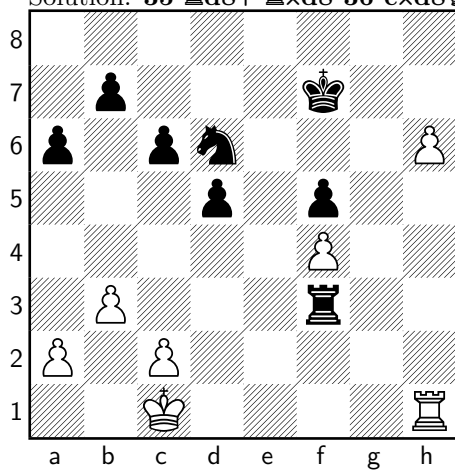
Solution: 35... ♖f1+ 36 ♖xf1 gxf1♔♯





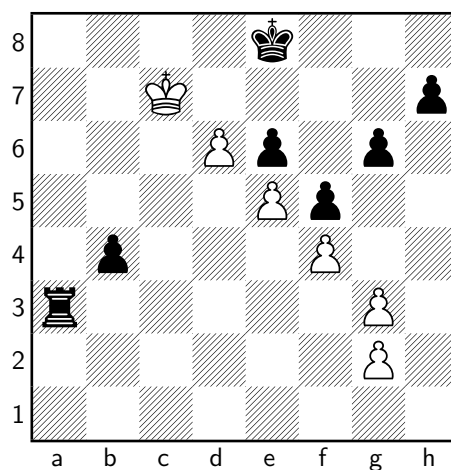
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♖d8+ ♜×d8 36 c×d8♙#



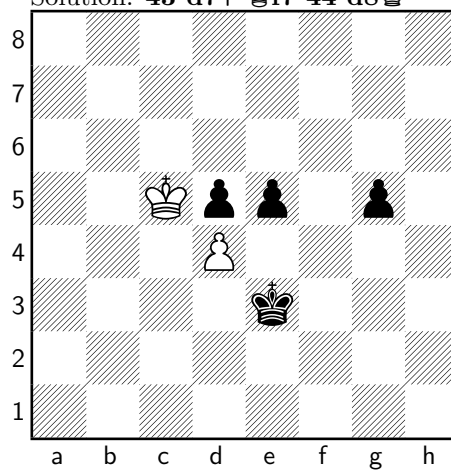
White to move.

Solution: 32 h7 ♜f1+ 33 ♜×f1



White to move.

Solution: 43 d7+ ♔f7 44 d8♙

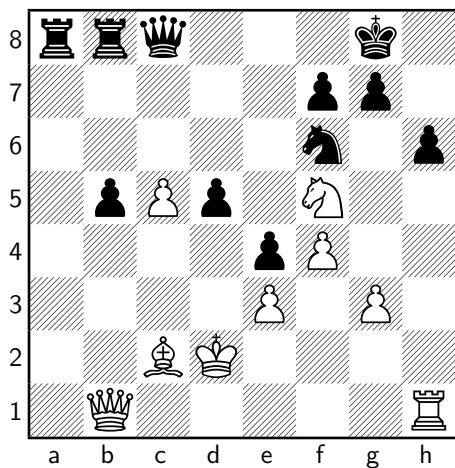


White to move.

Solution: 51 d×e5 g4 52 e6 ♔f2 53 e7 g3 54 e8♙

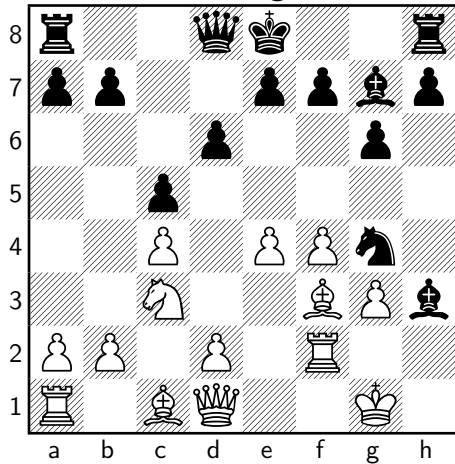
## 2.2 Advantage

Seize your chance to get a decisive advantage. (200cp eval 600cp)



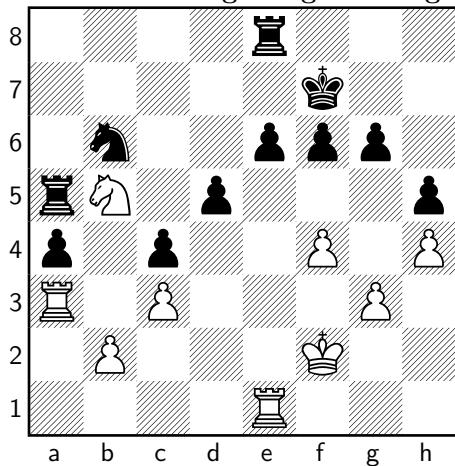
White to move.

Solution: 32 ♖e7+ ♜h7 33 ♖xc8



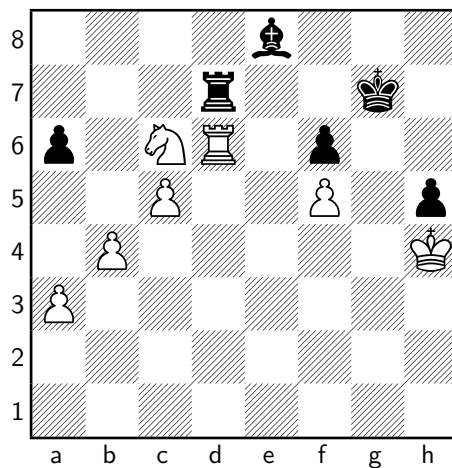
White to move.

Solution: 12 ♜xg4 ♜xg4 13 ♚xg4



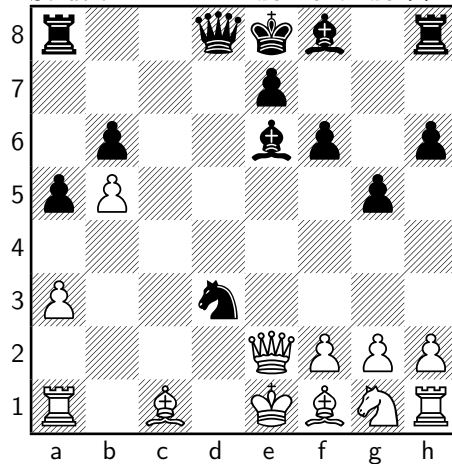
White to move.

Solution: 44 ♖d6+ ♜e7 45 ♖xe8



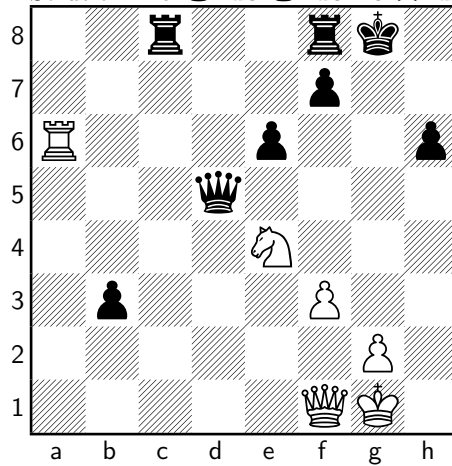
Black to move.

Solution: 44... ♜x d6 45 cxd6 ♜xc6



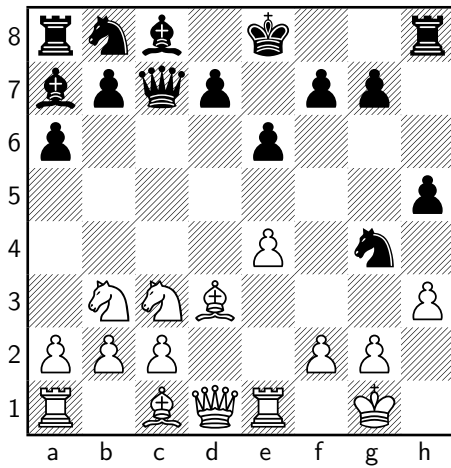
White to move.

Solution: 19 ♚xd3 ♚xd3 20 ♜xd3

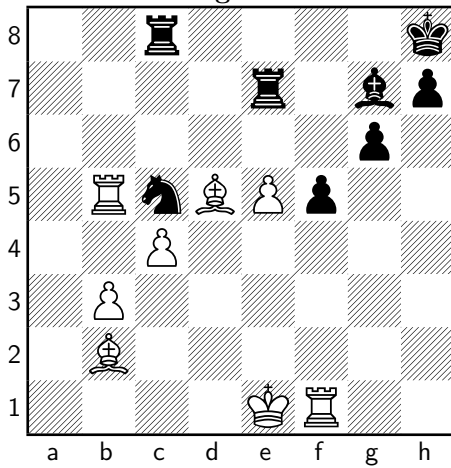


White to move.

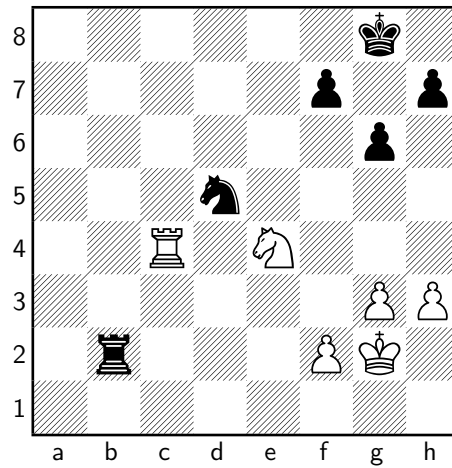
Solution: 38 ♖f6+ ♜g7 39 ♖xd5



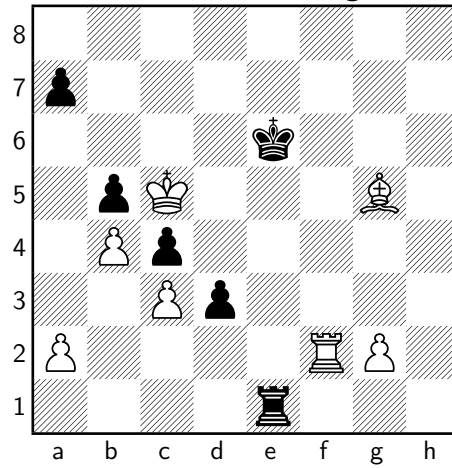
Solution: 11 h×g4



Solution: 40... ♖d3+ 41 ♜d2 ♖×b2



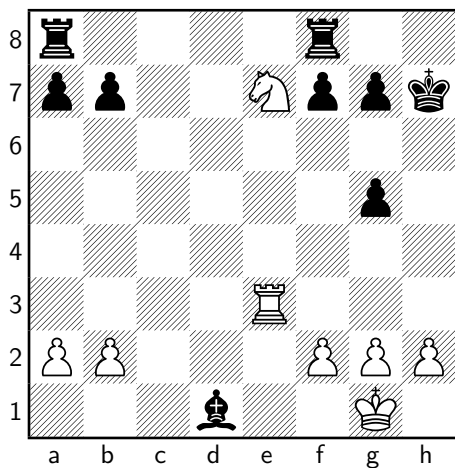
Solution: 40... ♖e3+ 41 ♜f3 ♖×c4



Solution: 41... ♜e5+ 42 ♜c6 ♜×g5

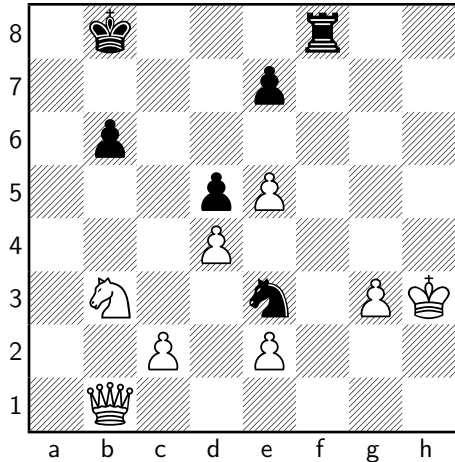
## 2.3 Anastasia's mate

A knight and rook or queen team up to trap the opposing king between the side of the board and a friendly piece.



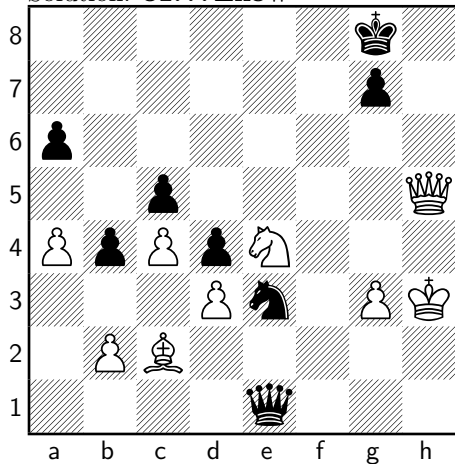
White to move.

Solution: 22 ♖h3+ ♕h5 23 ♖xh5#



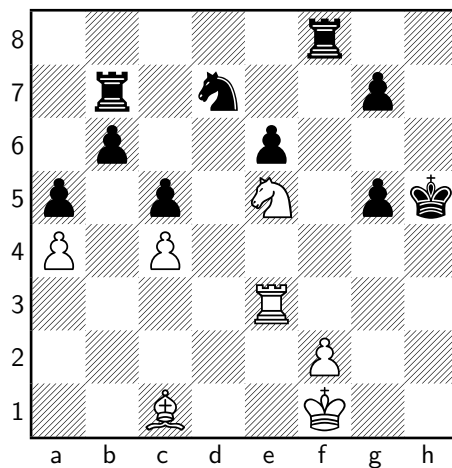
Black to move.

Solution: 31... ♖h8#



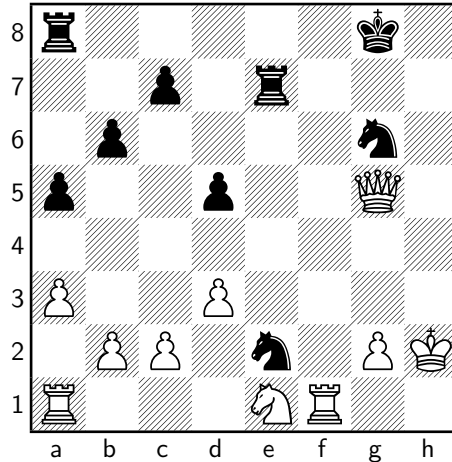
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Solution: 40... ♕h1#



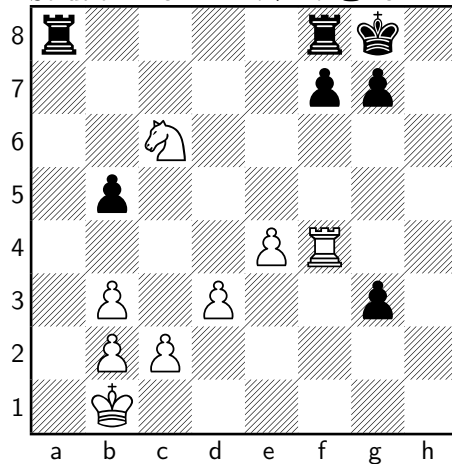
White to move.

Solution: 31 ♖h3#



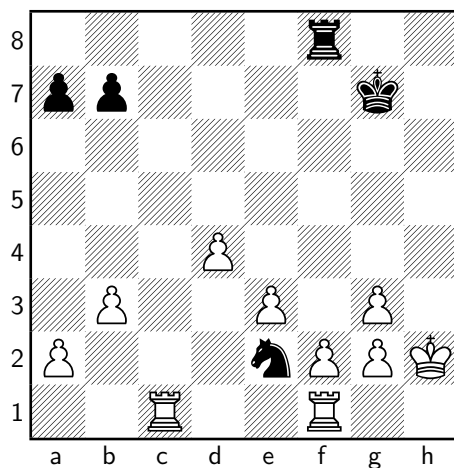
Black to move.

Solution: 26... ♖h7+ 27 ♕h6 ♖xh6#



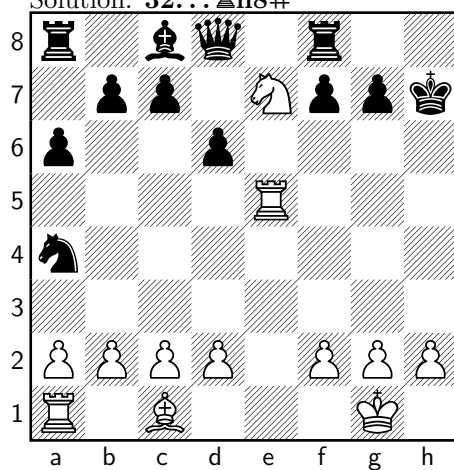
White to move.

Solution: 30 ♘e7+ ♗h7 31 ♖h4#



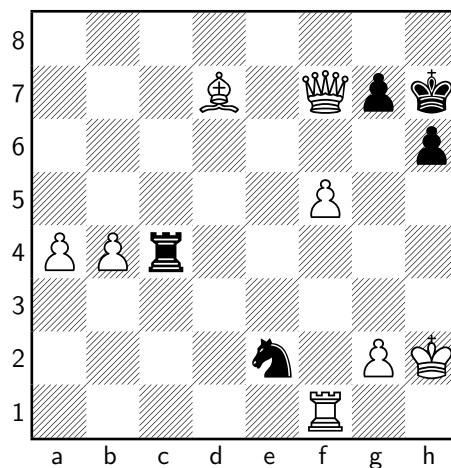
Black to move.

Solution: 32... ♖h8#



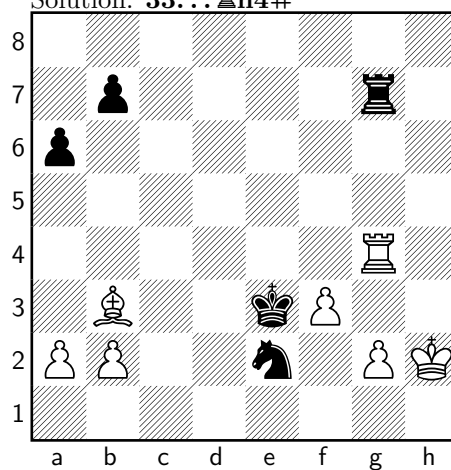
White to move.

Solution: 14 ♖h5#



Black to move.

Solution: 33... ♖h4#

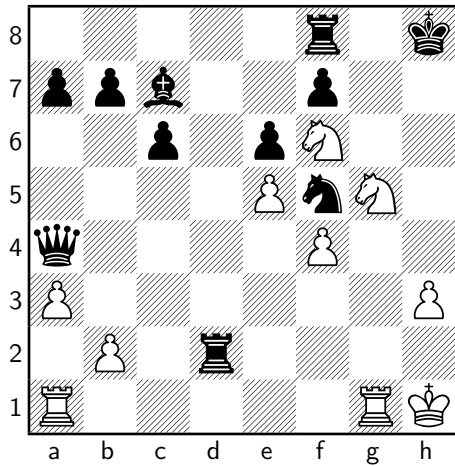


Black to move.

Solution: 52... ♖h7+ 53 ♖h4 ♖xh4#

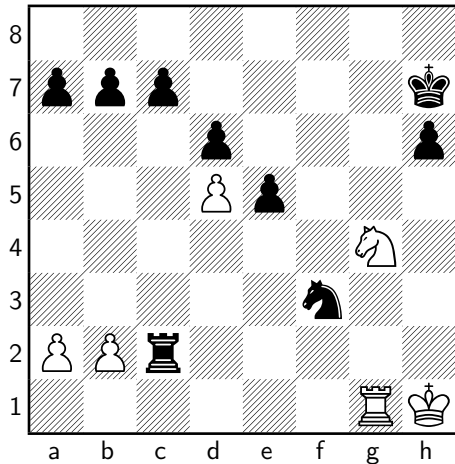
## 2.4 Arabian mate

A knight and a rook team up to trap the opposing king on a corner of the board.



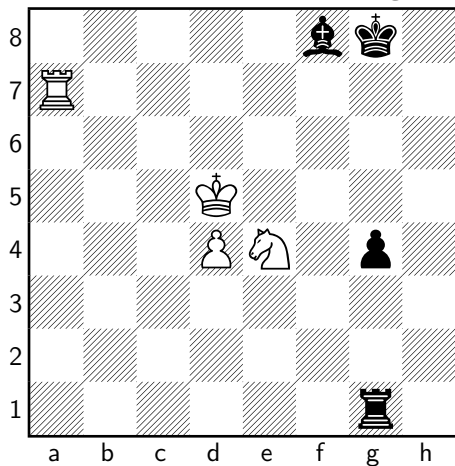
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♖xf7+ ♜xf7 35 ♜g8#



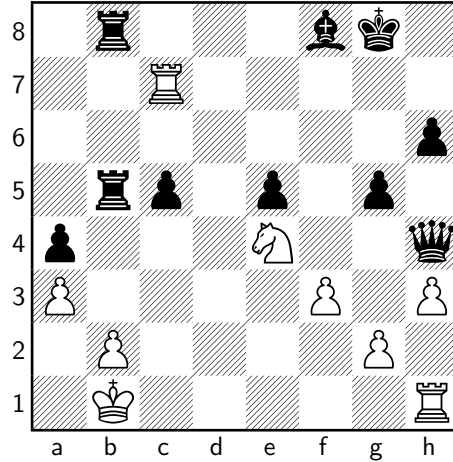
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♖f6+ ♔h8 35 ♜g8#



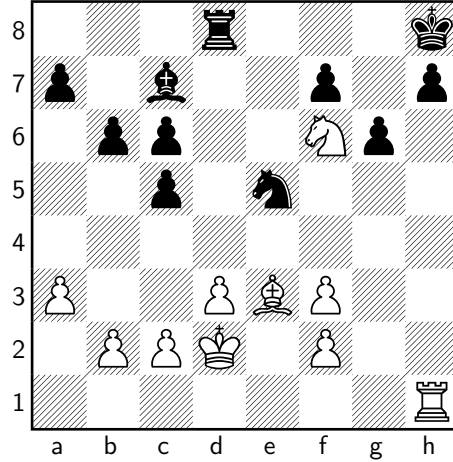
White to move.

Solution: 56 ♖f6+ ♔h8 57 ♜h7#



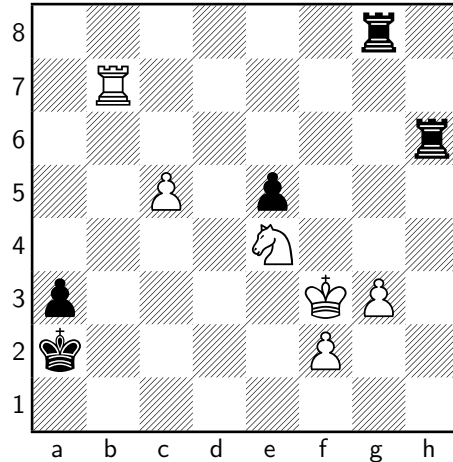
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♖f6+ ♔h8 36 ♜h7#



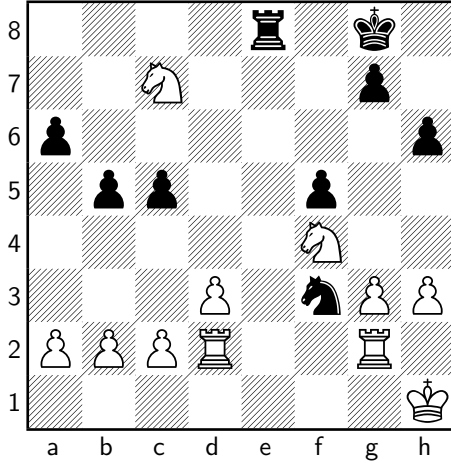
White to move.

Solution: 24 ♜xh7#



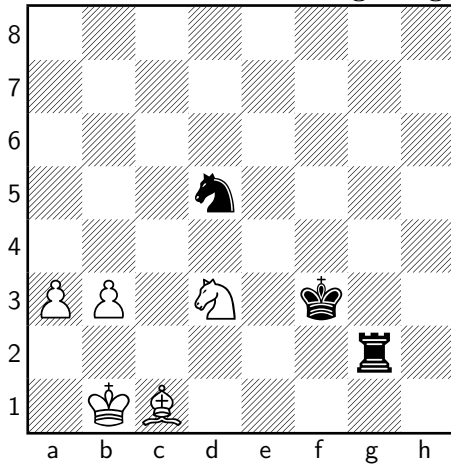
White to move.

Solution: 51 ♖c3+ ♔a1 52 ♜b1#



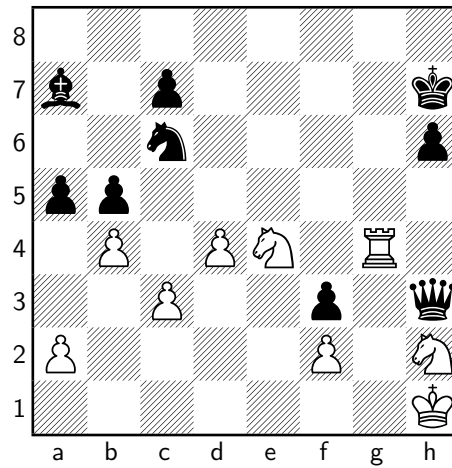
Black to move.

Solution: 26... ♜e1+ 27 ♜g1 ♜xg1#



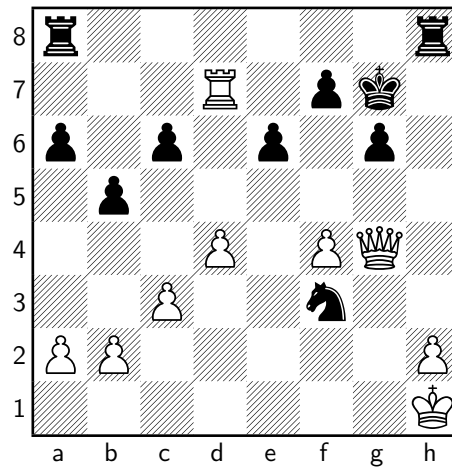
Black to move.

Solution: 56... ♖c3+ 57 ♔a1 ♜a2#



White to move.

Solution: 30 ♖f6+ ♔h8 31 ♜g8#

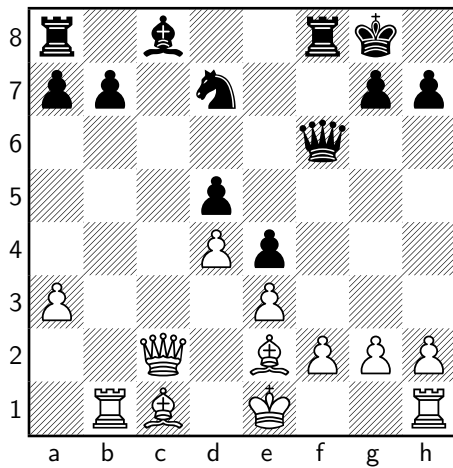


Black to move.

Solution: 26... ♜xh2#

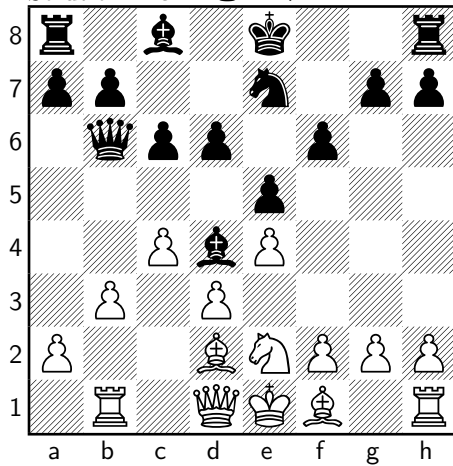
## 2.5 Attacking f2 or f7

An attack focusing on the f2 or f7 pawn, such as in the fried liver opening.



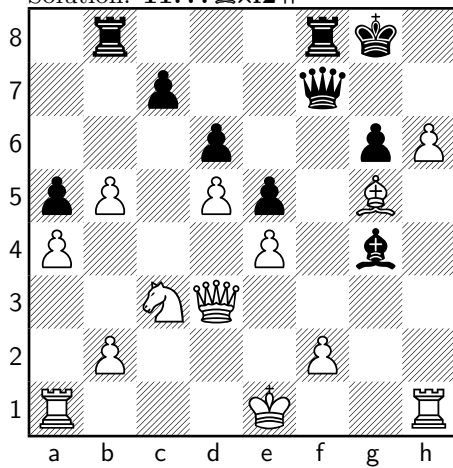
Black to move.

Solution: 15... ♕xf2+



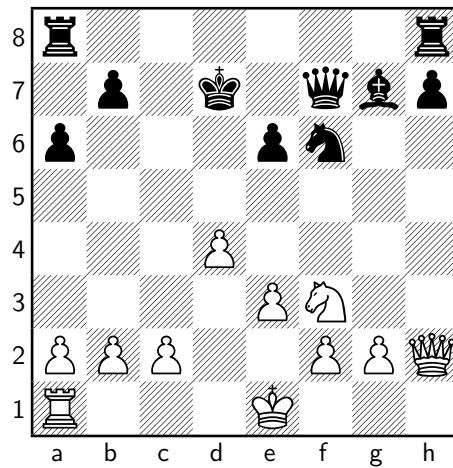
Black to move.

Solution: 11... ♔xf2#



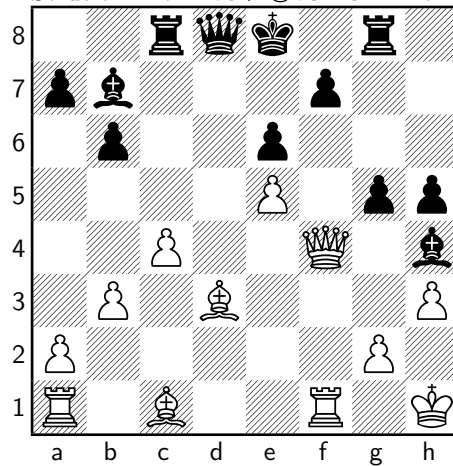
Black to move.

Solution: 23... ♕xf2#



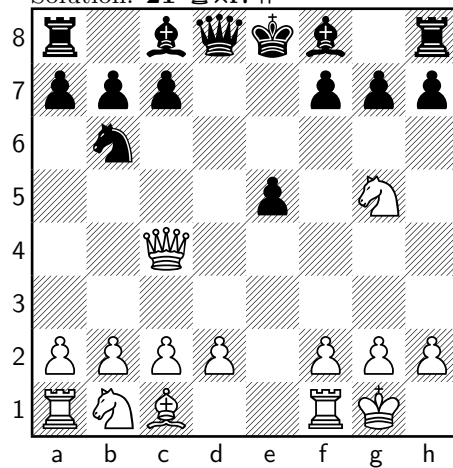
White to move.

Solution: 17 ♕e5+ ♖e8 18 ♕xf7



White to move.

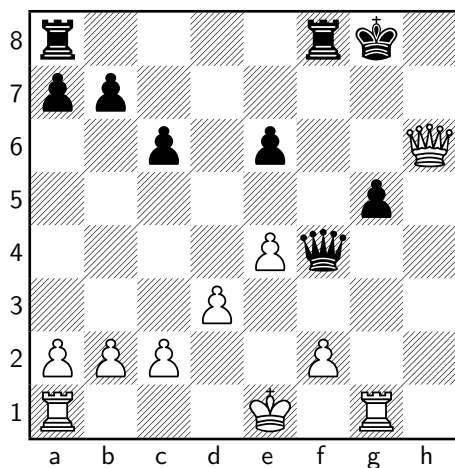
Solution: 21 ♕xf7#



White to move.

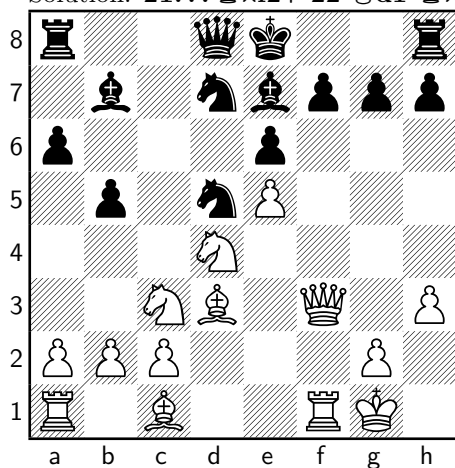
Solution: 9 ♕xf7#





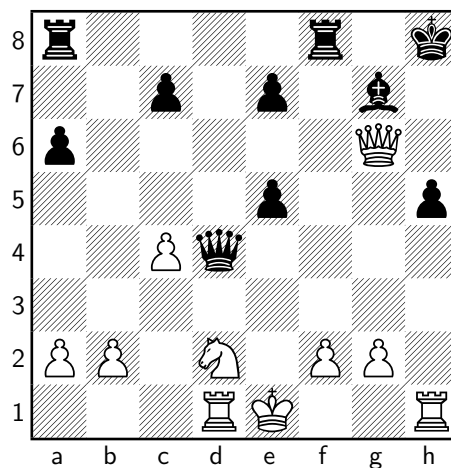
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♖xf2+ 22 ♜d1 ♖xg1+



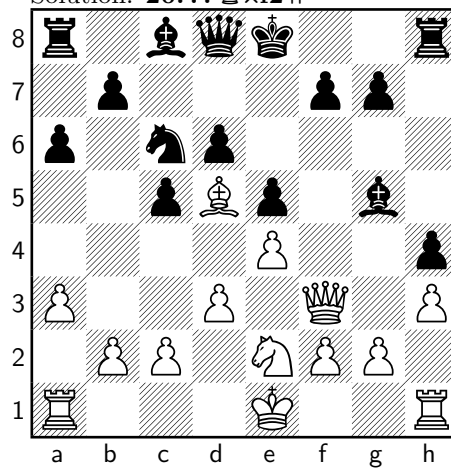
White to move.

Solution: 13 ♖xf7#



Black to move.

Solution: 20... ♖xf2#

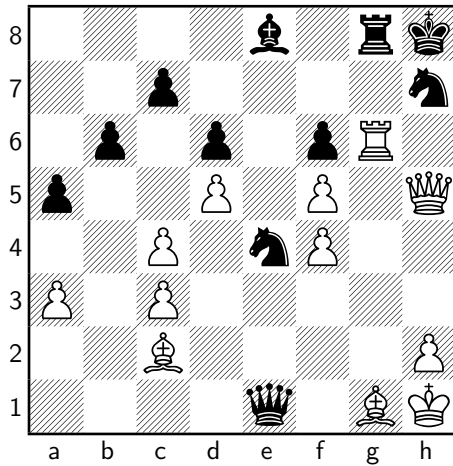


White to move.

Solution: 12 ♖xf7#

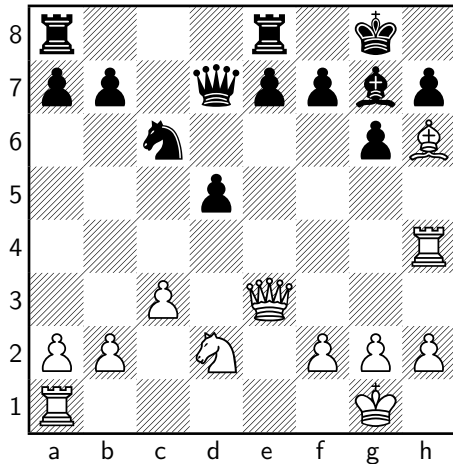
## 2.6 Attraction

An exchange or sacrifice encouraging or forcing an opponent piece to a square that allows a follow-up tactic.



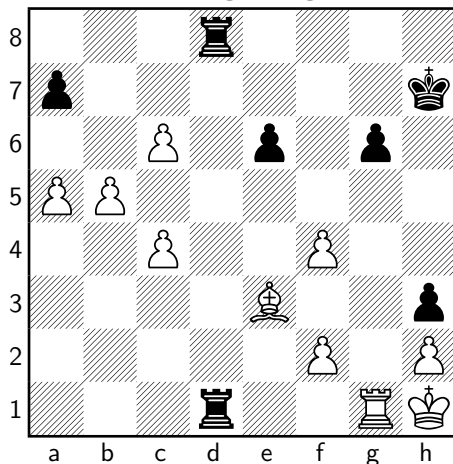
White to move.

Solution: 32 ♖xg8+ ♕xg8 33 ♖xe8+



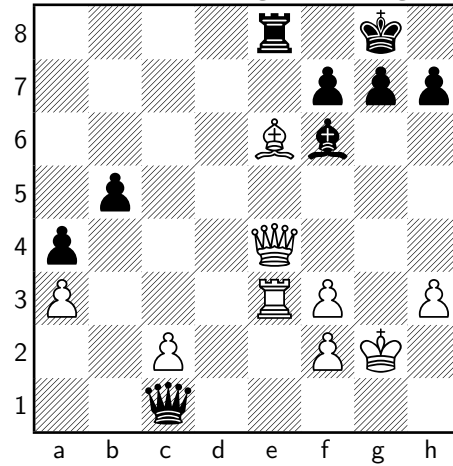
White to move.

Solution: 18 ♗xg7 ♕xg7 19 ♖h6+



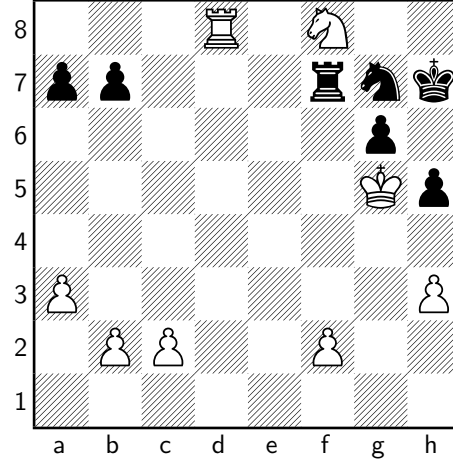
Black to move.

Solution: 40... ♖xg1+ 41 ♕xg1 ♖d1#



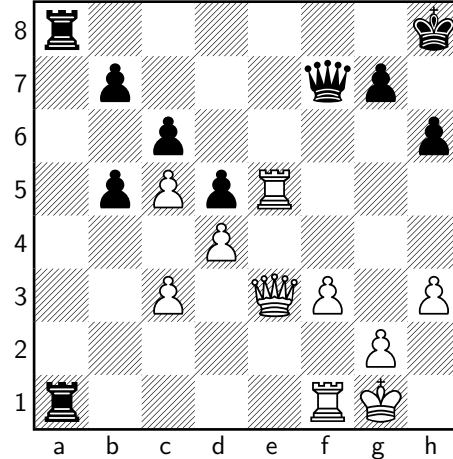
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♗xf7+ ♕xf7 35 ♖xe8#



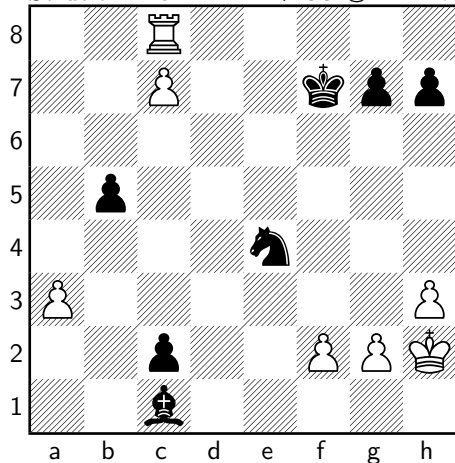
Black to move.

Solution: 32... ♖xf8 33 ♖xf8 ♖e6+ 34 ♗f6 ♖xf8



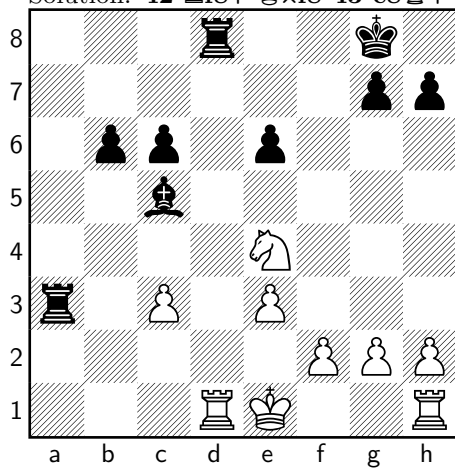
Black to move.

Solution: 29... ♖xf1+ 30 ♘xf1 ♖a1+



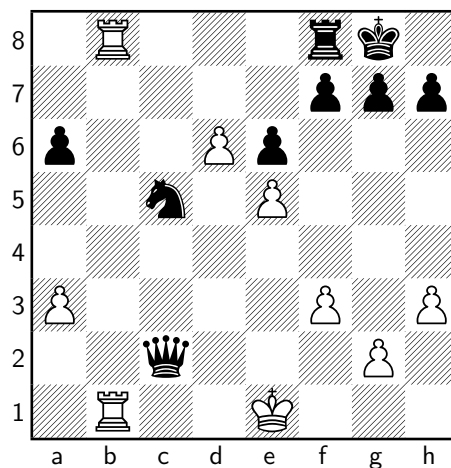
White to move.

Solution: 42 ♖f8+ ♘xf8 43 c8♖+



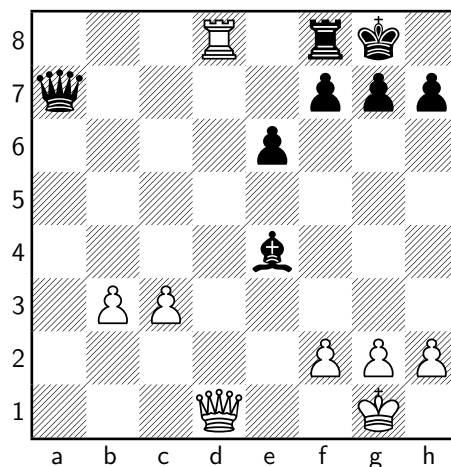
Black to move.

Solution: 19... ♖xd1+ 20 ♘xd1 ♖a1+ 21 ♘e2 ♖xh1



White to move.

Solution: 26 ♖f8+ ♘xf8 27 ♖b8#

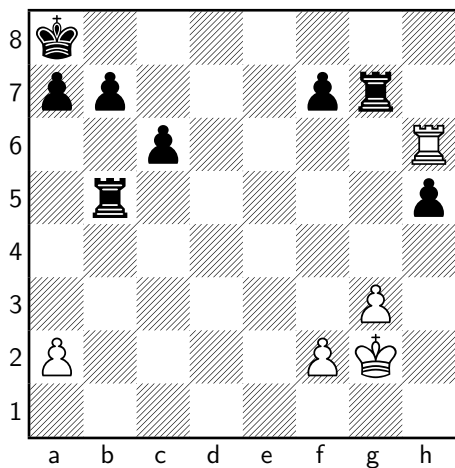


White to move.

Solution: 29 ♖f8+ ♘xf8 30 ♖d8#

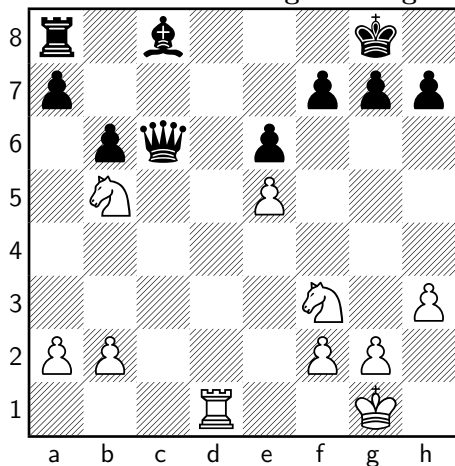
## 2.7 Back rank mate

Checkmate the king on the home rank, when it is trapped there by its own pieces.



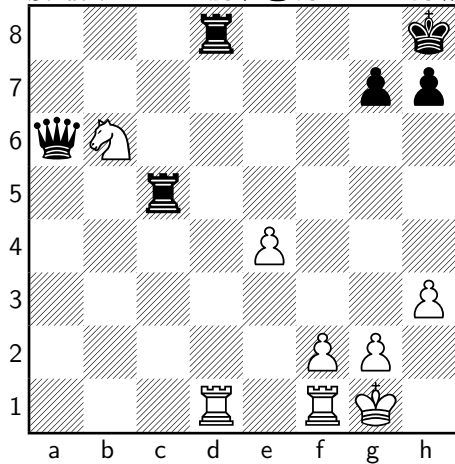
White to move.

Solution: 39  $\text{Rb8+}$   $\text{Kg8}$  40  $\text{Rg8\#}$



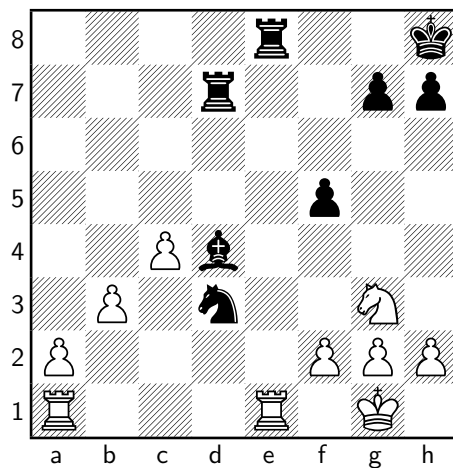
White to move.

Solution: 21  $\text{Rd8+}$   $\text{Ke8}$  22  $\text{Rxe8\#}$



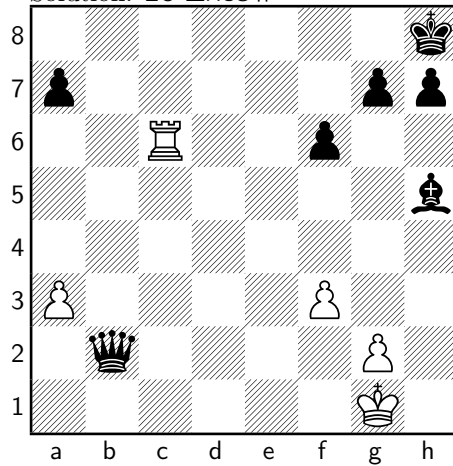
White to move.

Solution: 36  $\text{Rxd8\#}$



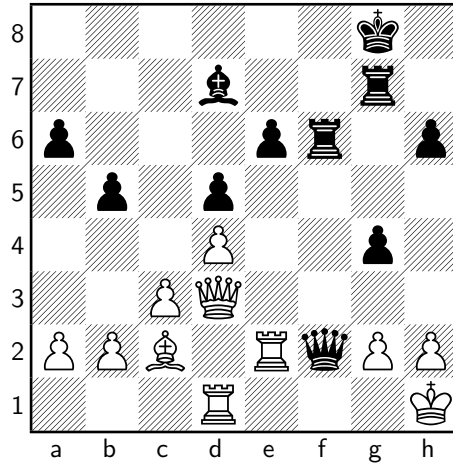
White to move.

Solution: 26  $\text{Rxe8\#}$



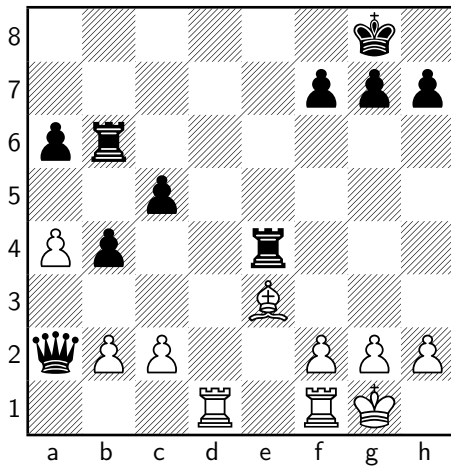
White to move.

Solution: 38  $\text{Rc8+}$   $\text{Ke8}$  39  $\text{Rxe8\#}$



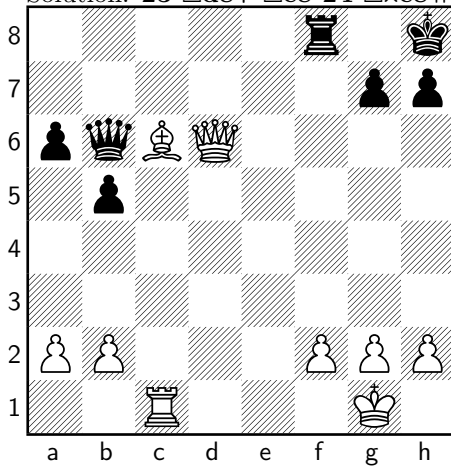
Black to move.

Solution: 28...  $\text{Kf1+}$  29  $\text{Rxf1}$   $\text{Rxf1\#}$



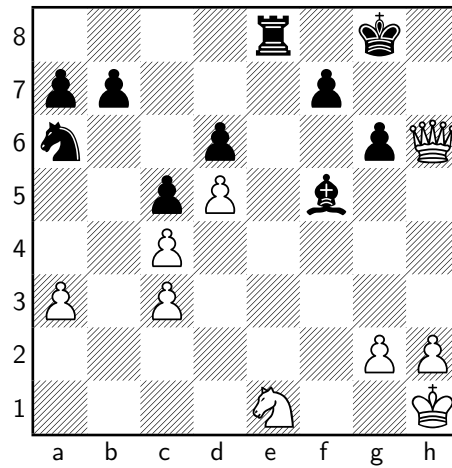
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♖d8+ ♜e8 24 ♖xe8#



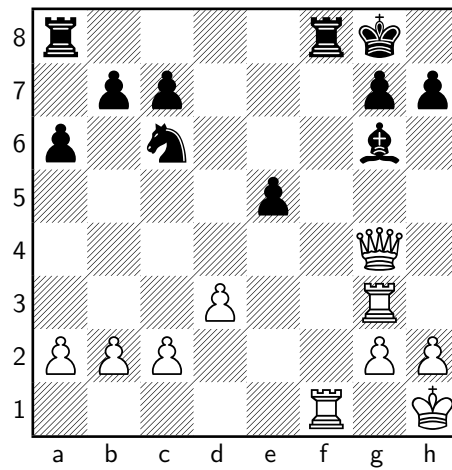
Black to move.

Solution: 27... ♜xf2+ 28 ♔h1 ♜f1+ 29 ♖xf1 ♜xf1#



Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♜xe1#

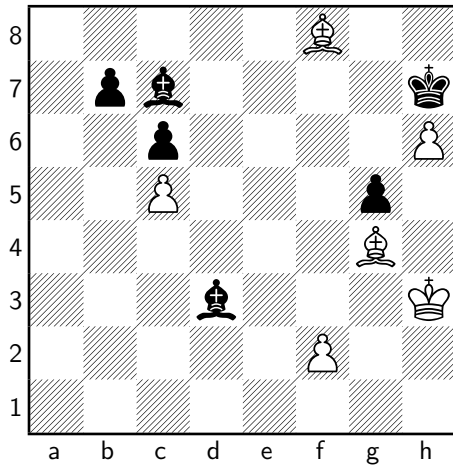


Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♜xf1#

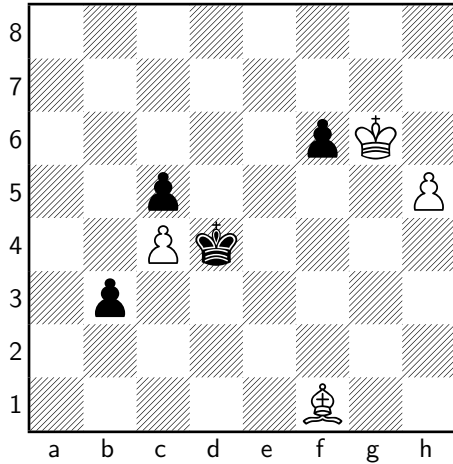
## 2.8 Bishop endgame

An endgame with only bishops and pawns.



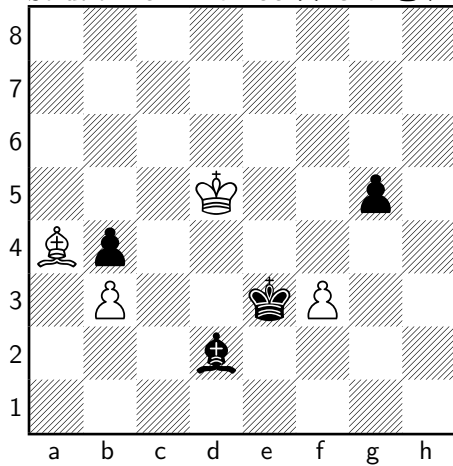
Black to move.

Solution: 40... ♗f1#



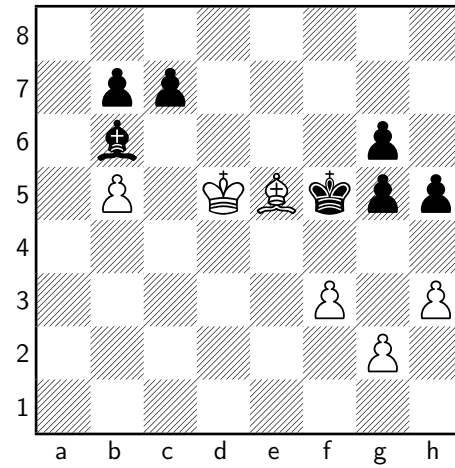
Black to move.

Solution: 54... b2 55 ♗h3 b1♖+



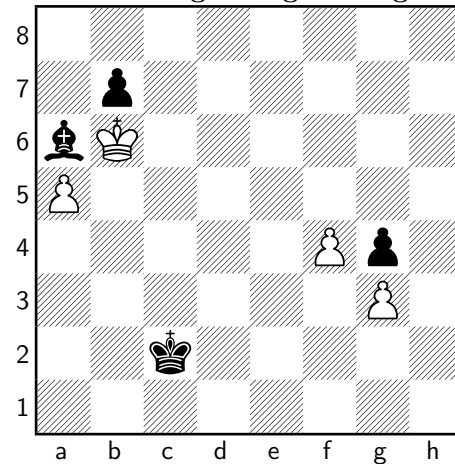
Black to move.

Solution: 57... ♖×f3



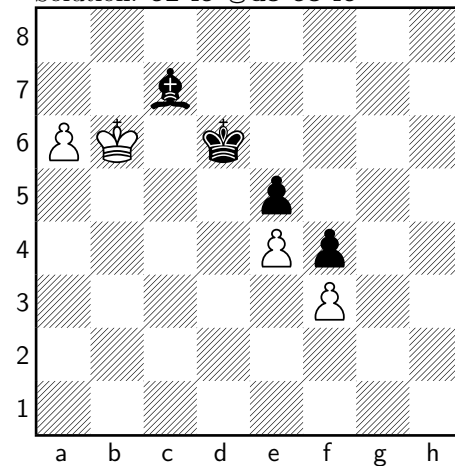
White to move.

Solution: 45 g4+ hxg4 46 fxg4#



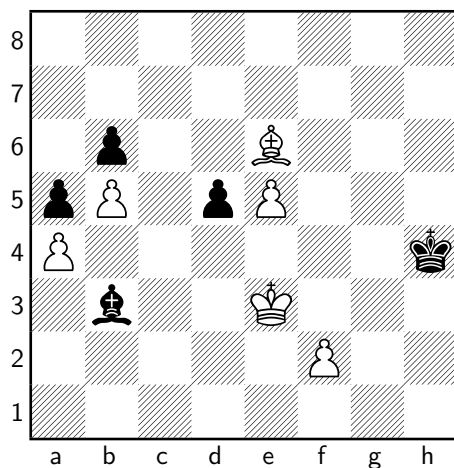
White to move.

Solution: 52 f5 ♖d3 53 f6



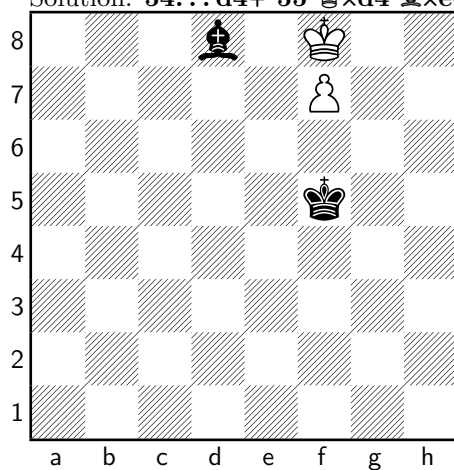
White to move.

Solution: 61 ♖b7 ♗a5 62 a7



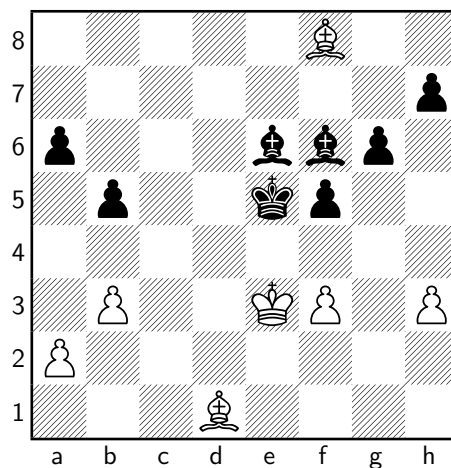
Black to move.

Solution: 54...d4+ 55 ♖xd4 ♗xe6



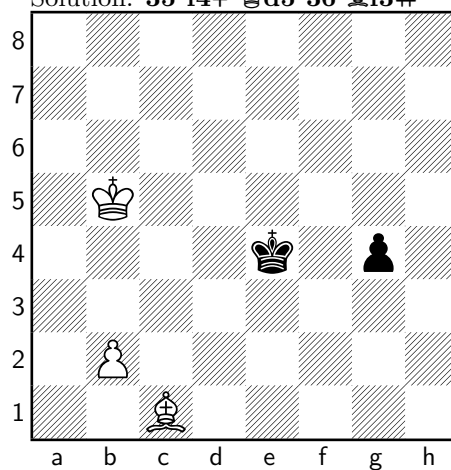
White to move.

Solution: 87 ♖e8 ♗a5 88 f8 ♖+



White to move.

Solution: 35 f4+ ♖d5 36 ♗f3#

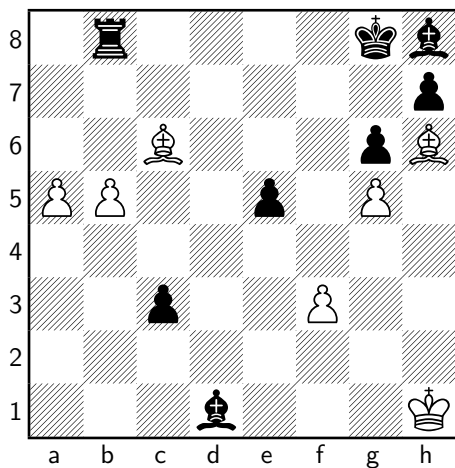


Black to move.

Solution: 48...g3 49 b3 g2

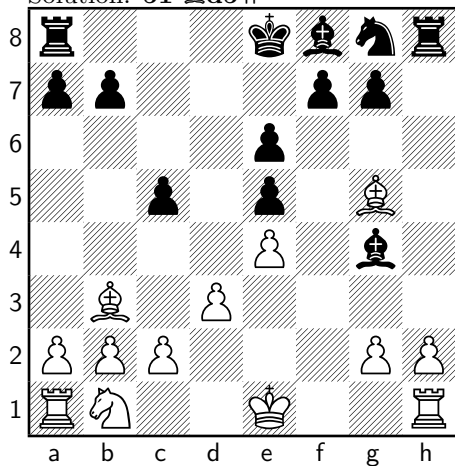
## 2.9 Boden's mate

Two attacking bishops on criss-crossing diagonals deliver mate to a king obstructed by friendly pieces.



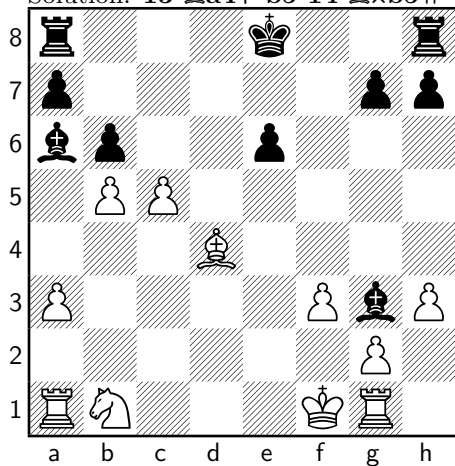
White to move.

Solution: 51 ♖d5#



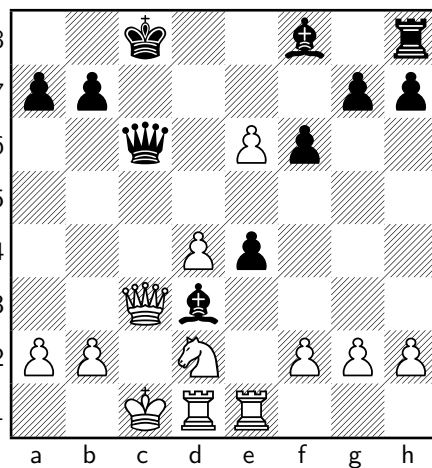
White to move.

Solution: 13 ♖a4+ b5 14 ♖xb5#



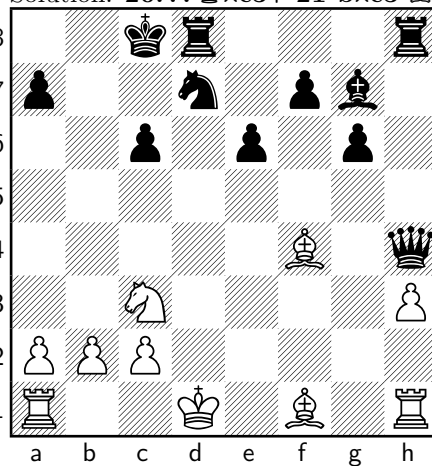
Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♖xb5#



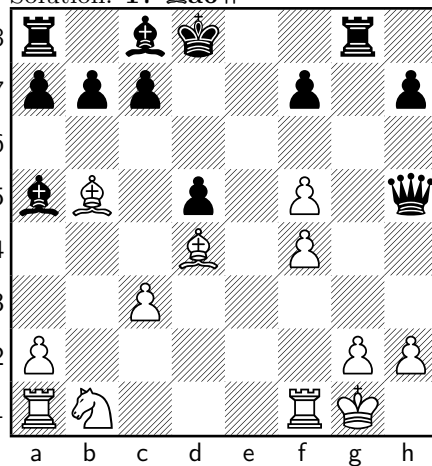
Black to move.

Solution: 20... ♖xc3+ 21 bxc3 ♖a3#



White to move.

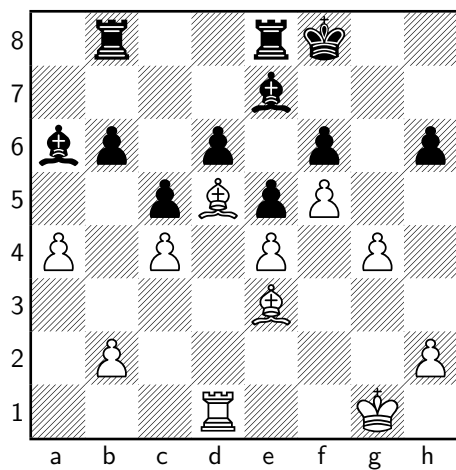
Solution: 17 ♖a6#



White to move.

Solution: 20 ♖f6#



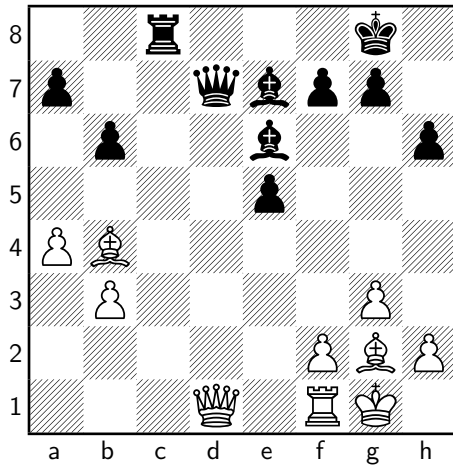


White to move.

Solution: **29 ♘xh6#**

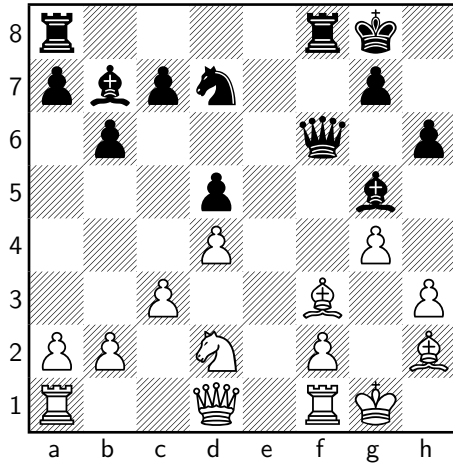
## 2.10 Capture the defender

Removing a piece that is critical to defence of another piece, allowing the now undefended piece to be captured on a following move.



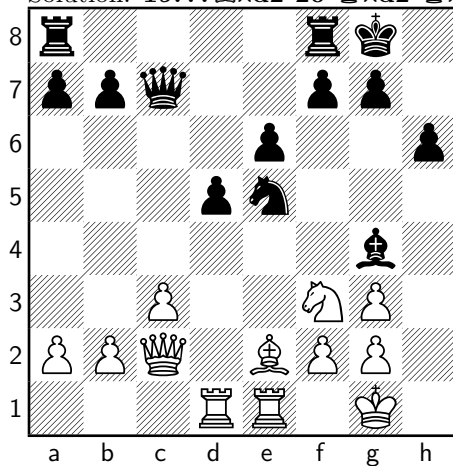
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♖xd7 ♜xd7 24 ♜xe7



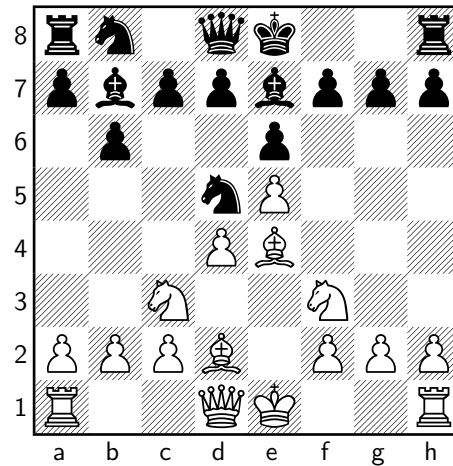
Black to move.

Solution: 19... ♜xd2 20 ♖xd2 ♖xf3



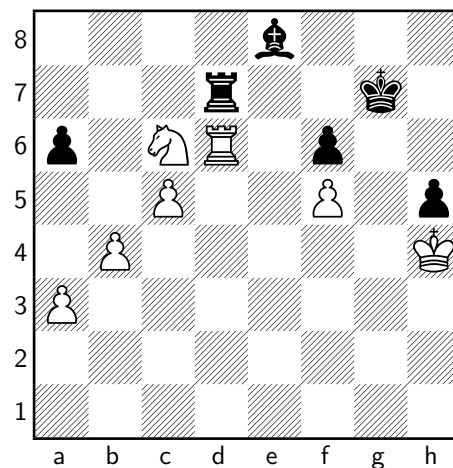
White to move.

Solution: 19 ♜xe5 ♖xe5 20 ♜xg4 ♖xe1+ 21 ♜xe1



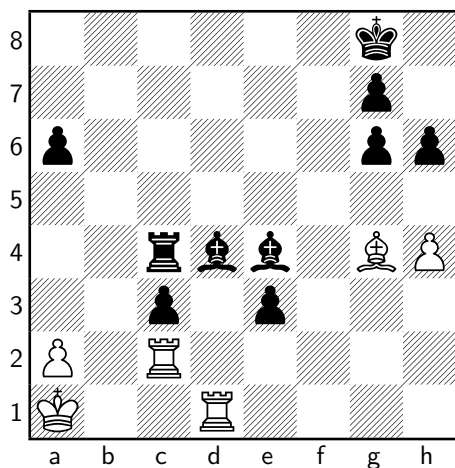
Black to move.

Solution: 8... ♜xc3 9 ♜xc3 ♜xe4



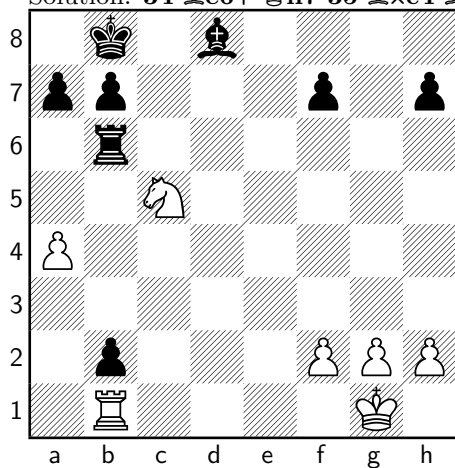
Black to move.

Solution: 44... ♜xd6 45 cxd6 ♜xc6



White to move.

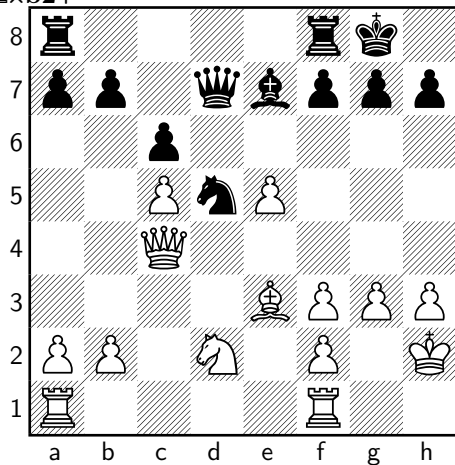
Solution: 34 ♖e6+ ♜h7 35 ♖xc4 ♖xc2 36 ♜xd4



White to move.

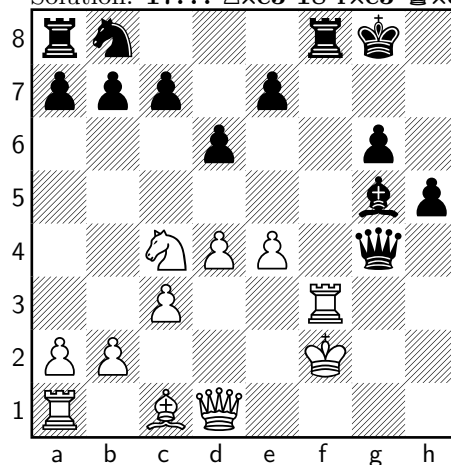
Solution: 31 ♖d7+ ♜c7 32 ♖xb6 ♜xb6 33

♜xb2+



Black to move.

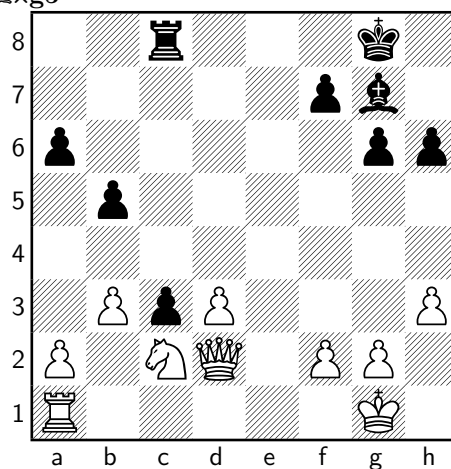
Solution: 17... ♖xe3 18 fxe3 ♜xd2+



White to move.

Solution: 18 ♜xf8+ ♜xf8 19 ♜xg4 h×g4 20

♖xg5

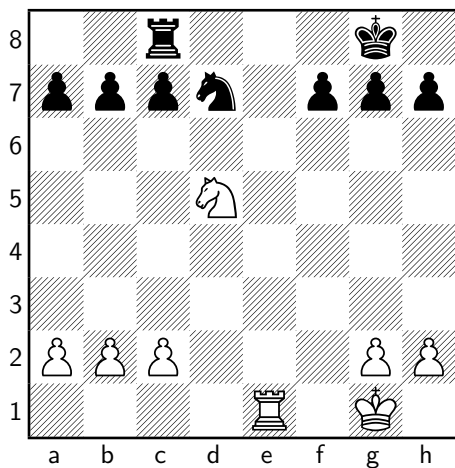


Black to move.

Solution: 27... cxd2 28 ♜d1 ♜xc2

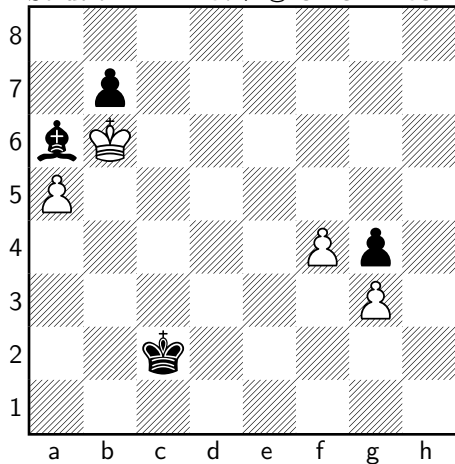
## 2.11 Crushing

Spot the opponent blunder to obtain a crushing advantage. (eval 600cp)



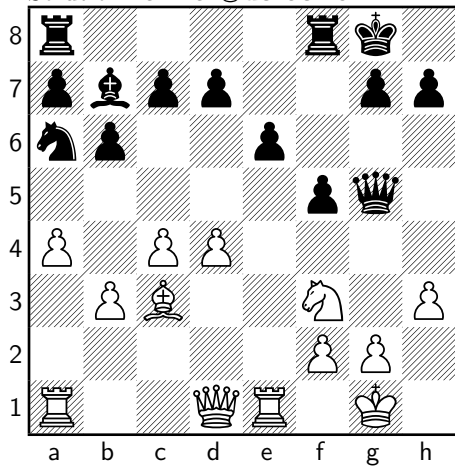
White to move.

Solution: 22 Qe7+ Kf8 23 Qxc8



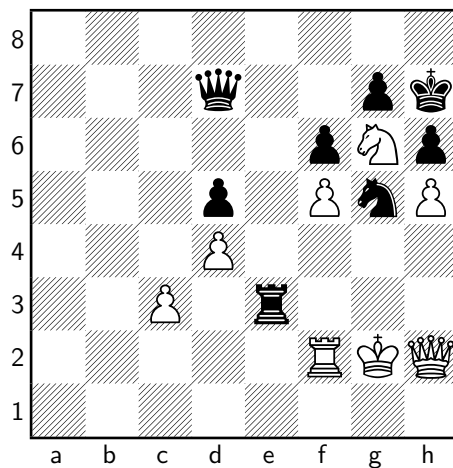
White to move.

Solution: 52 f5 Qd3 53 f6



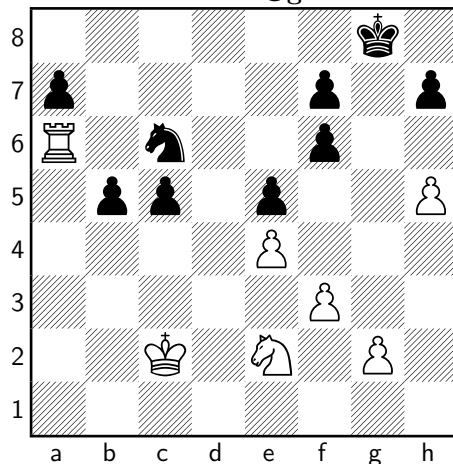
White to move.

Solution: 17 Qxg5



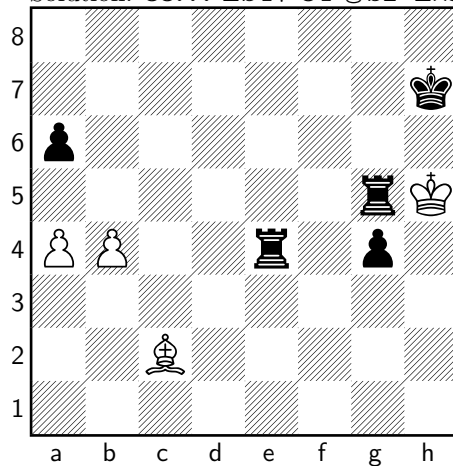
White to move.

Solution: 53 Qf8+ Kg8 54 Qxd7



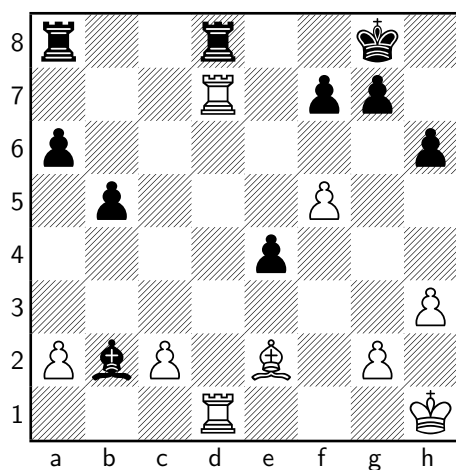
Black to move.

Solution: 33... Qb4+ 34 Qb2 Qxa6



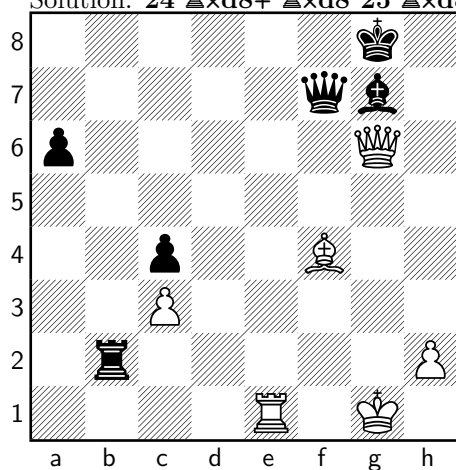
White to move.

Solution: 45 Qxg5 Qg8 46 Qxe4



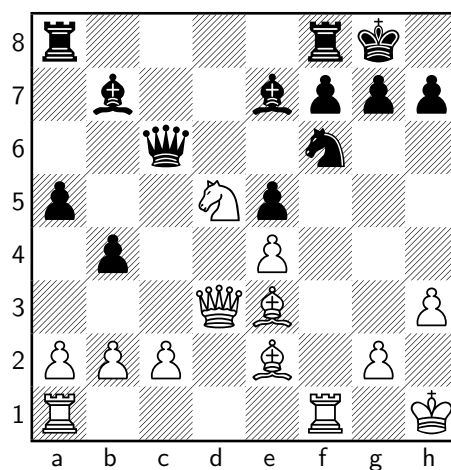
White to move.

Solution: 24 ♖xd8+ ♜xd8 25 ♖xd8+



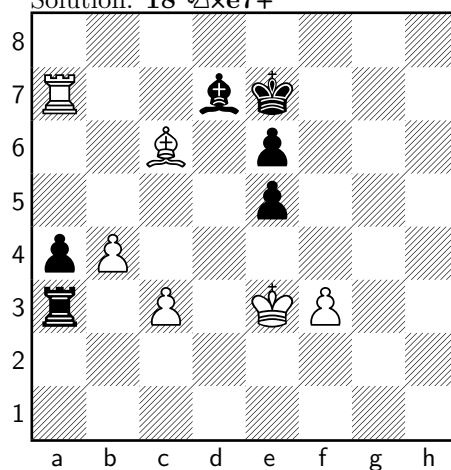
White to move.

Solution: 42 ♜e8+ ♚xe8 43 ♚xe8+



White to move.

Solution: 18 ♘xe7+

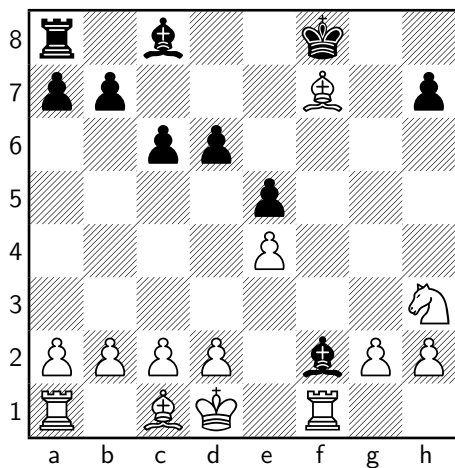


Black to move.

Solution: 52... ♜xc3+ 53 ♚d2 ♜xc6

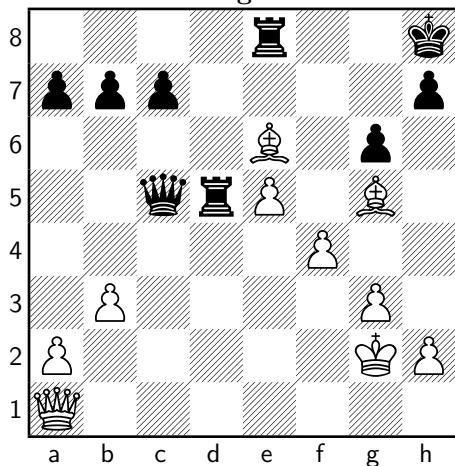
## 2.12 Double bishop mate

Two attacking bishops on adjacent diagonals deliver mate to a king obstructed by friendly pieces.



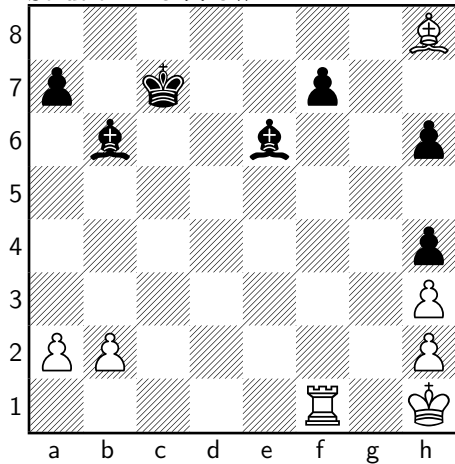
Black to move.

Solution: 14... ♗g4#



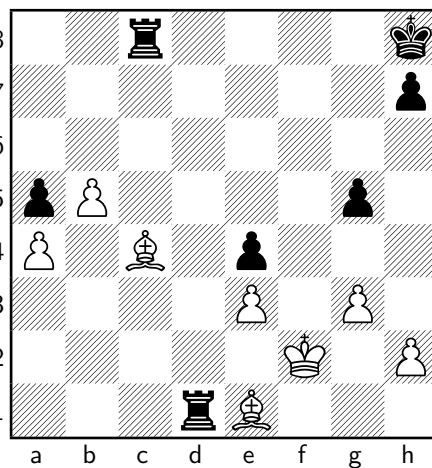
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♗f6#



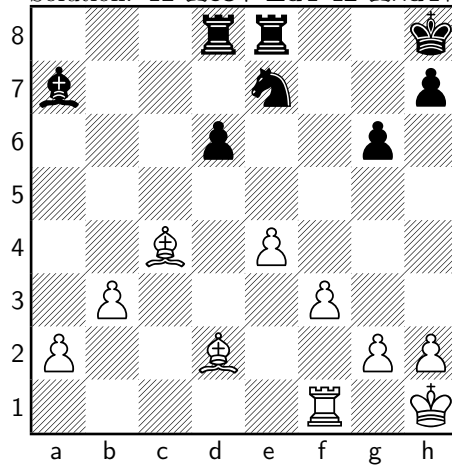
Black to move.

Solution: 25... ♗d5+ 26 ♖f3 ♗×f3#



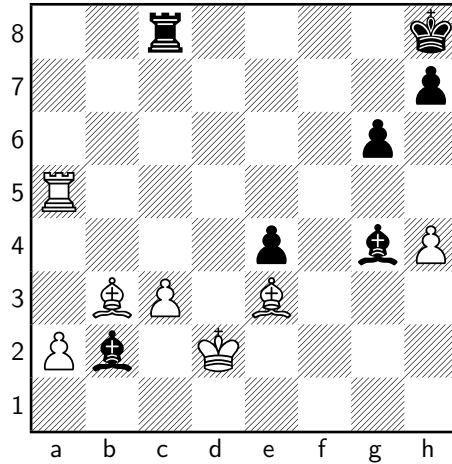
White to move.

Solution: 41 ♗c3+ ♖d4 42 ♗×d4#



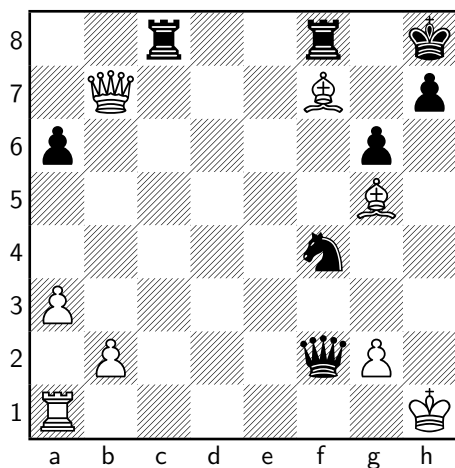
White to move.

Solution: 25 ♗c3+ ♗d4 26 ♗×d4#



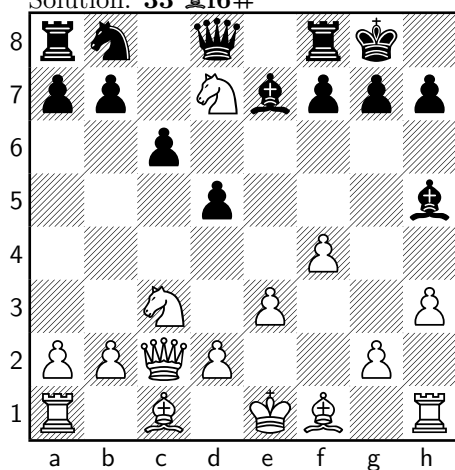
White to move.

Solution: 31 ♗d4#



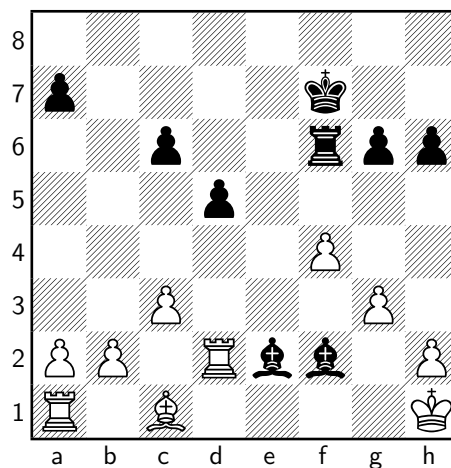
White to move.

Solution: 33 ♖f6#



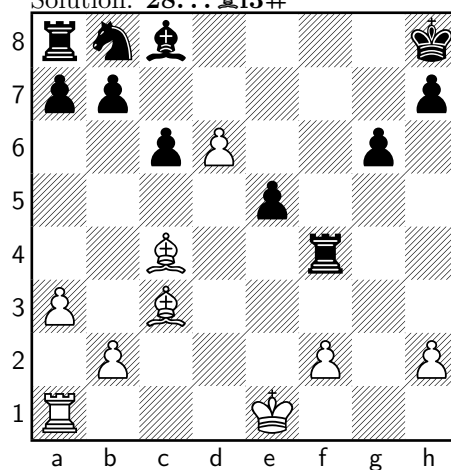
Black to move.

Solution: 11... ♗h4+ 12 g3 ♗xg3#



Black to move.

Solution: 28... ♗f3#

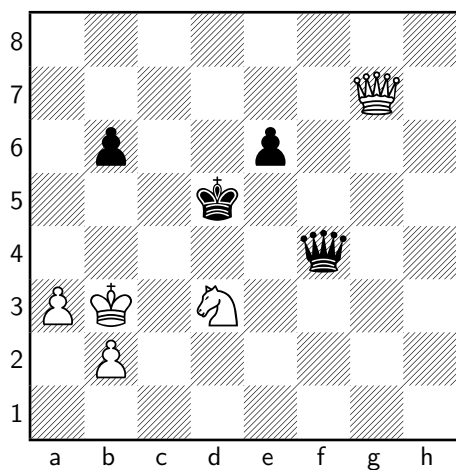


White to move.

Solution: 23 ♗xe5+ ♖f6 24 ♗xf6#

## 2.13 Dovetail mate

A queen delivers mate to an adjacent king, whose only two escape squares are obstructed by friendly pieces.



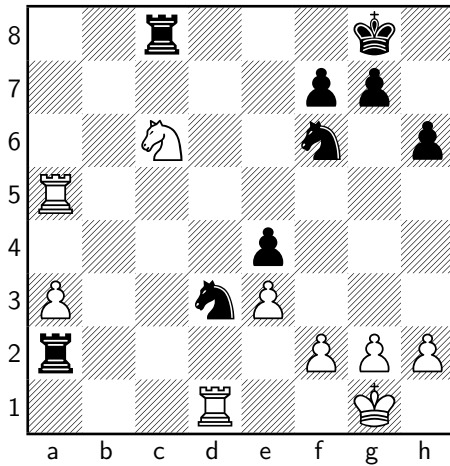
Black to move.

Solution: 49... ♚c4#



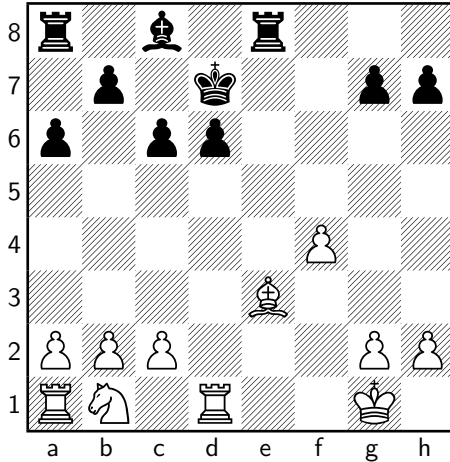
## 2.14 Equality

Come back from a losing position, and secure a draw or a balanced position. (eval 200cp)



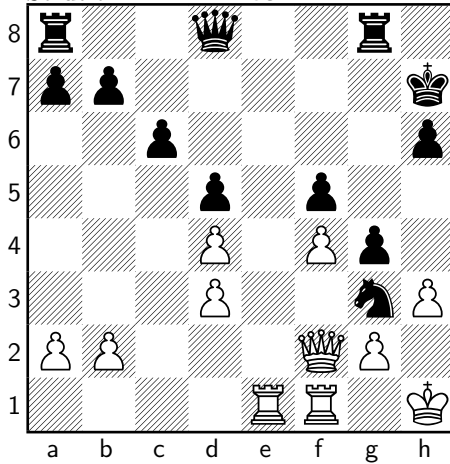
White to move.

Solution: 25 Qe7+ Kh7 26 Qxc8



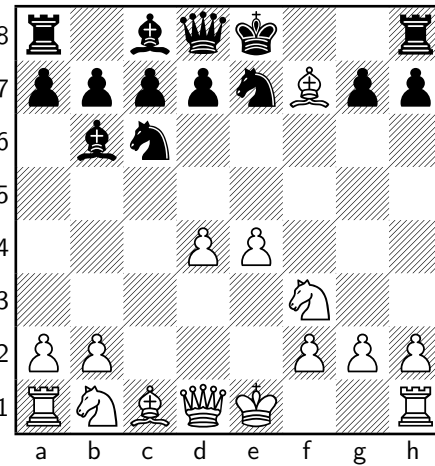
Black to move.

Solution: 14... Rxe3



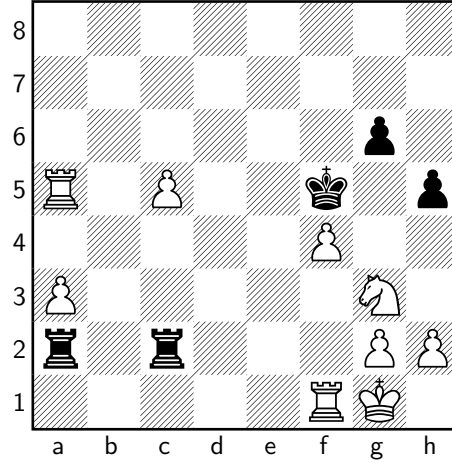
White to move.

Solution: 23 Qxg3



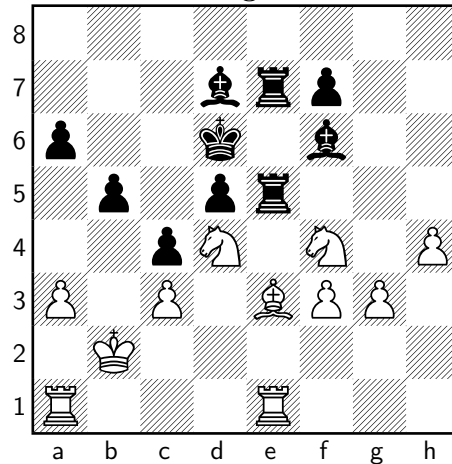
Black to move.

Solution: 7... Qxf7



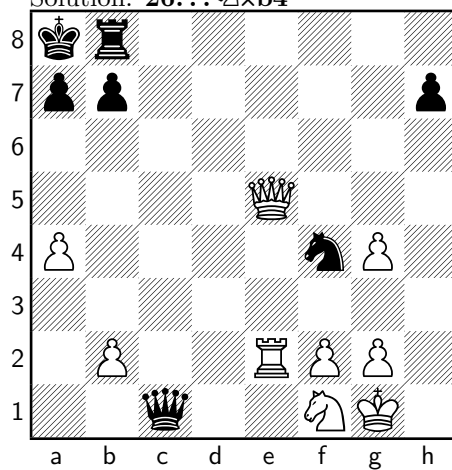
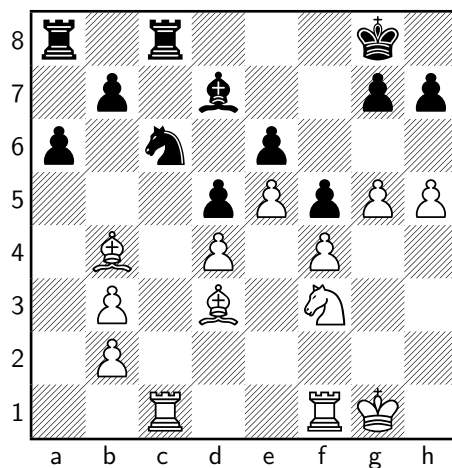
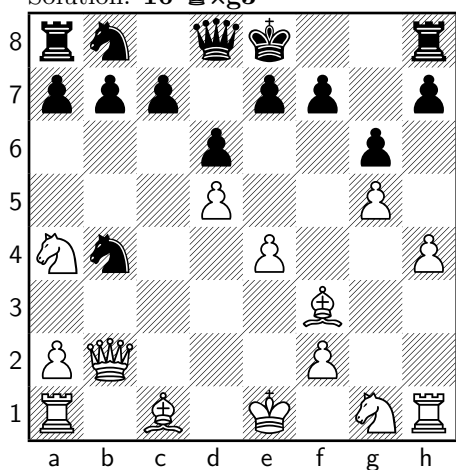
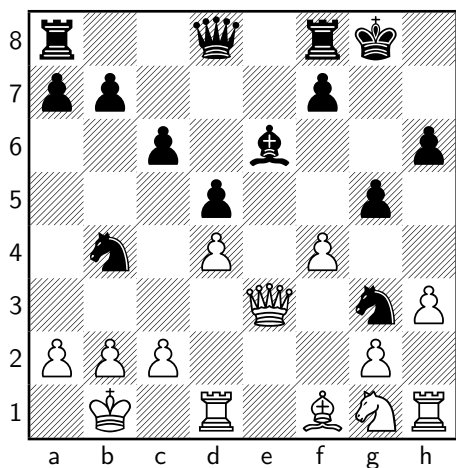
Black to move.

Solution: 39... Qg4 40 Qe2 Rxe2



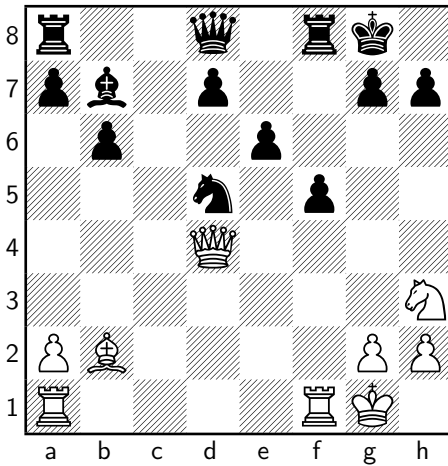
Black to move.

Solution: 35... Rxe3 36 Rxe3 Rxe3



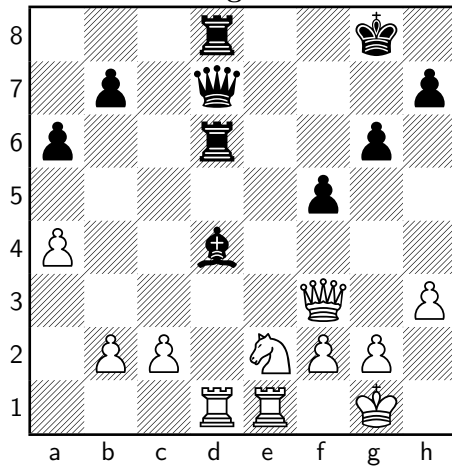
## 2.15 Kingside attack

An attack of the opponent's king, after they castled on the king side.



White to move.

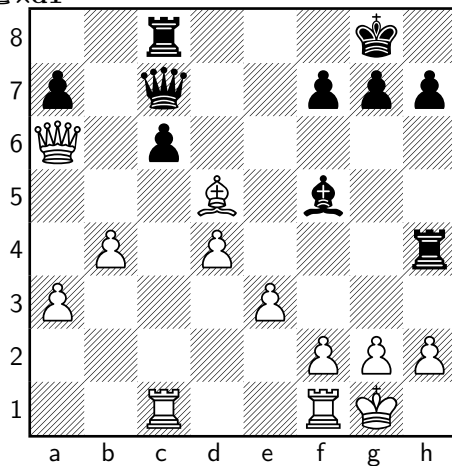
Solution: 18 ♖xg7#



Black to move.

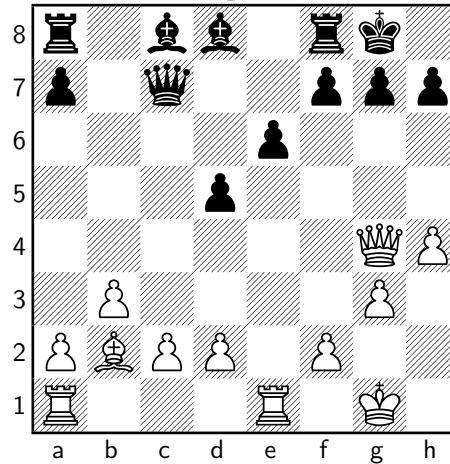
Solution: 21... ♜xf2+ 22 ♔xf2 ♜xd1 23 ♜xd1

♜xd1



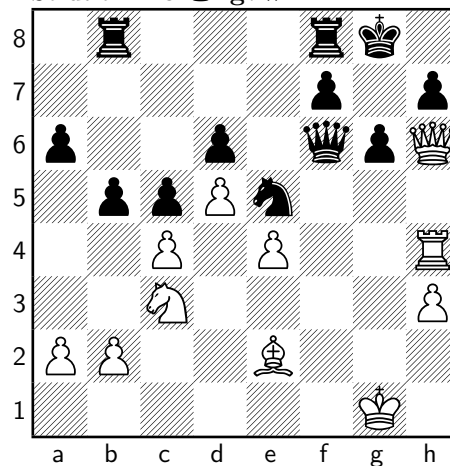
Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♜xh2#



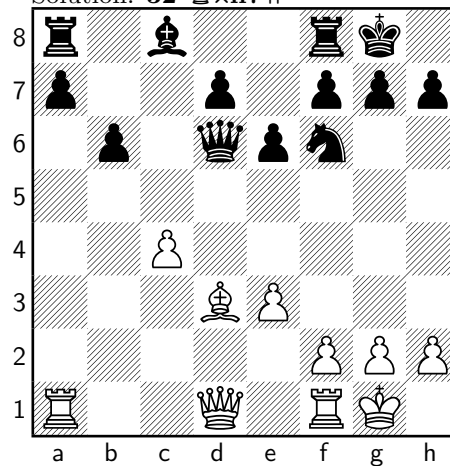
White to move.

Solution: 20 ♜xg7#



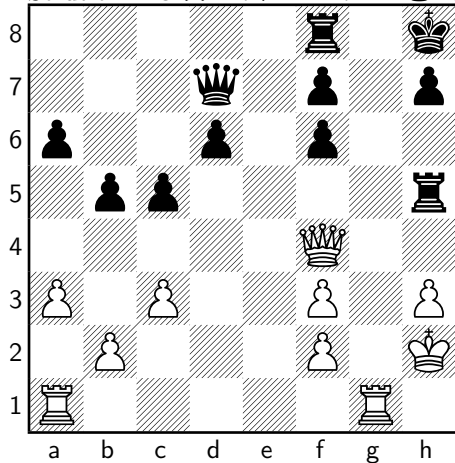
White to move.

Solution: 32 ♜xh7#



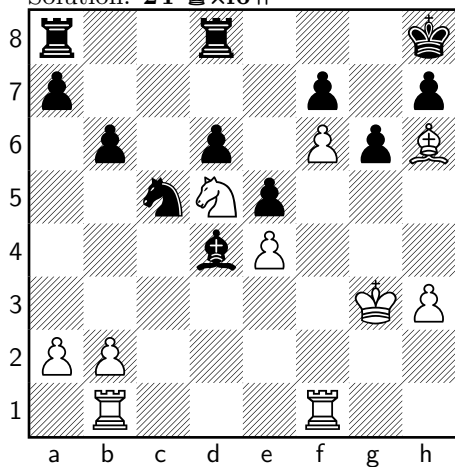
White to move.

Solution: 20 ♖xh7+ ♜xh7 21 ♔xd6



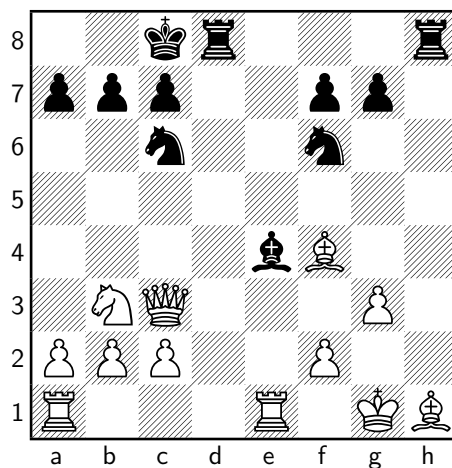
White to move.

Solution: 24 ♔xf6#



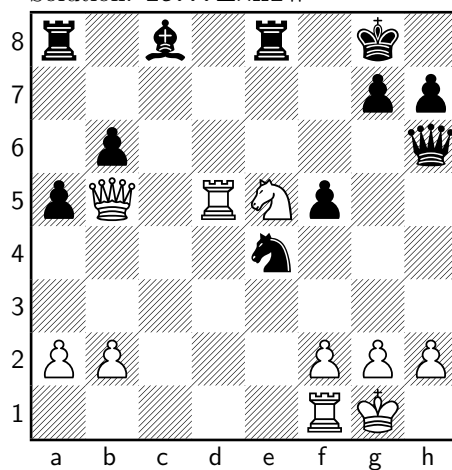
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♖g7+ ♜g8 27 ♜e7#



Black to move.

Solution: 19... ♔xh1#

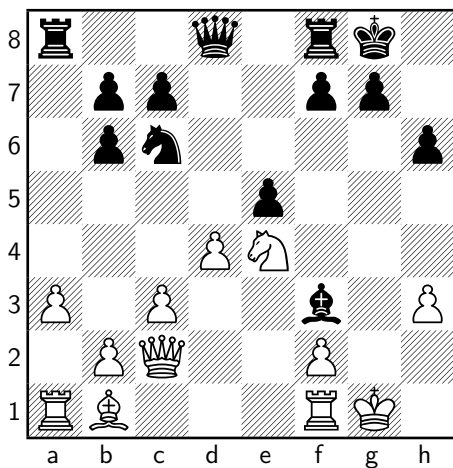


White to move.

Solution: 22 ♔xe8#

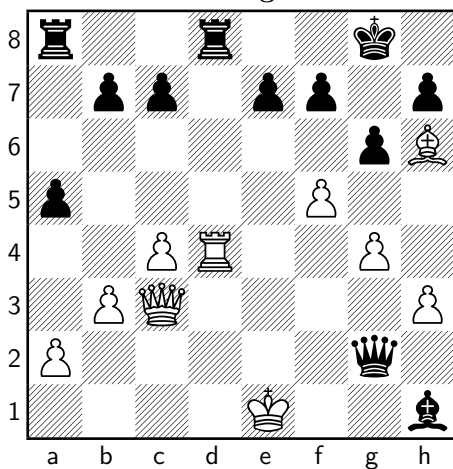
## 2.16 Clearance

A move, often with tempo, that clears a square, file or diagonal for a follow-up tactical idea.



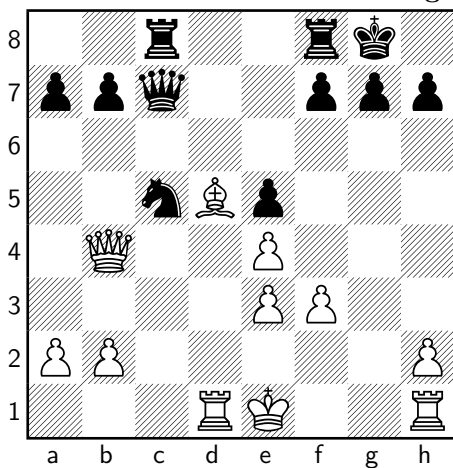
White to move.

Solution: 19 ♖f6+ g×f6 20 ♔h7#



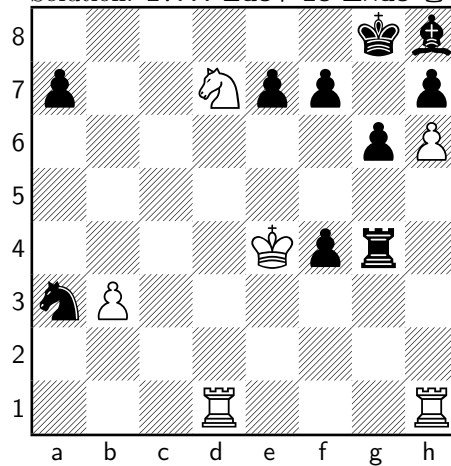
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♖d8+ ♖xd8 27 ♔g7#



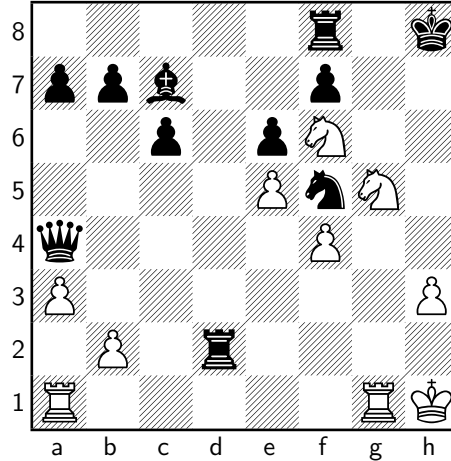
Black to move.

Solution: 17... ♘d3+ 18 ♖xd3 ♔c1+



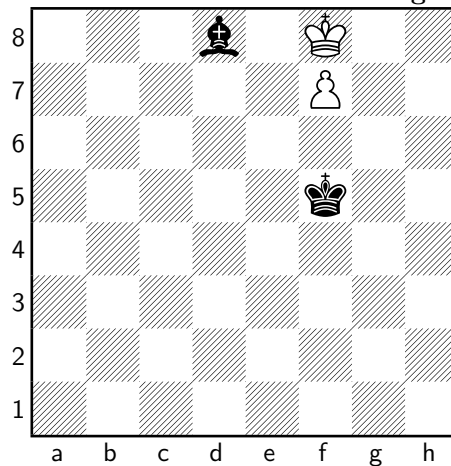
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♘f6+ ♙xf6 35 ♖d8#



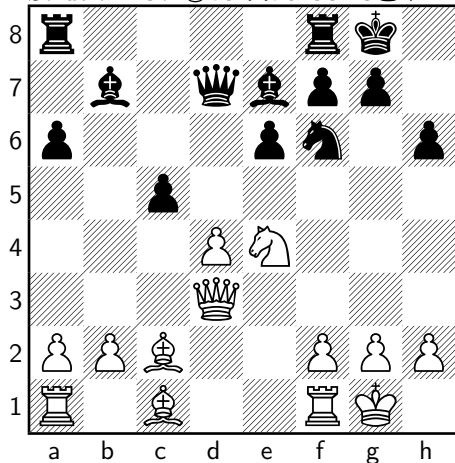
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♘xf7+ ♖xf7 35 ♖g8#



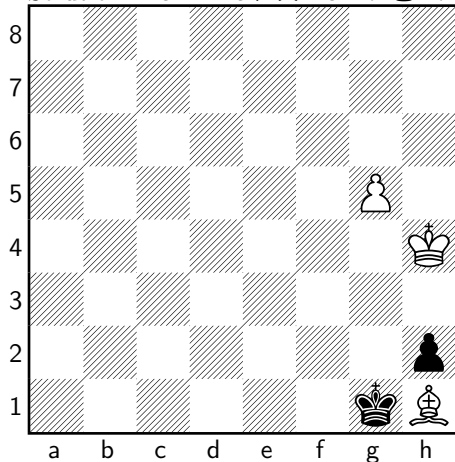
White to move.

Solution: 87 ♖e8 ♜a5 88 f8♞+



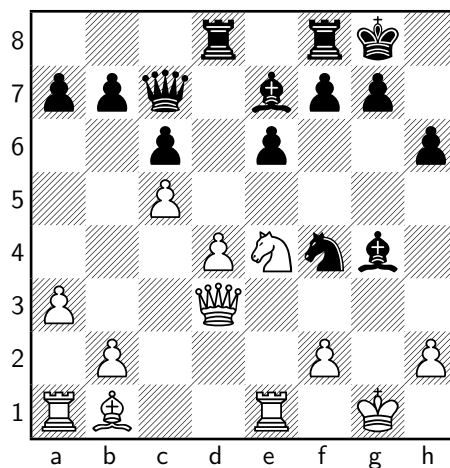
White to move.

Solution: 16 ♖xf6+ ♜xf6 17 ♞h7♯



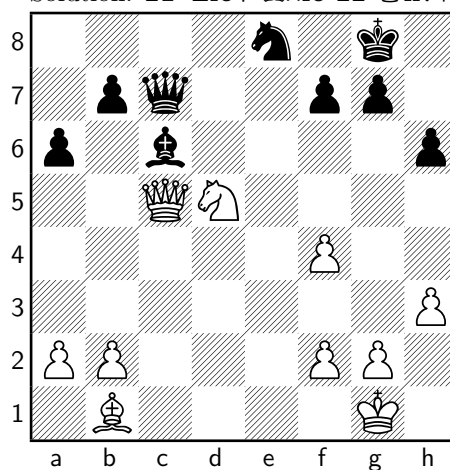
Black to move.

Solution: 76... ♖xh1 77 ♖g3 ♖g1 78 g6 h1♞



White to move.

Solution: 21 ♖f6+ ♜xf6 22 ♞h7♯

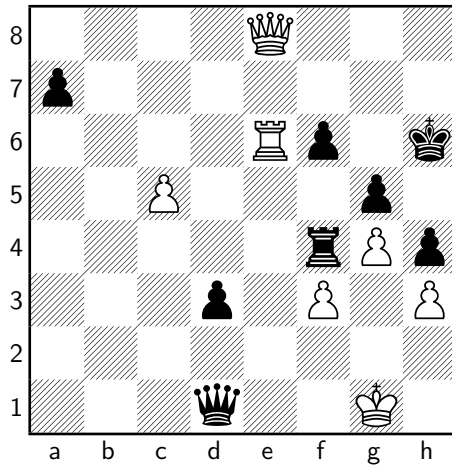


Black to move.

Solution: 26... ♜xd5 27 ♞xd5 ♞c1+

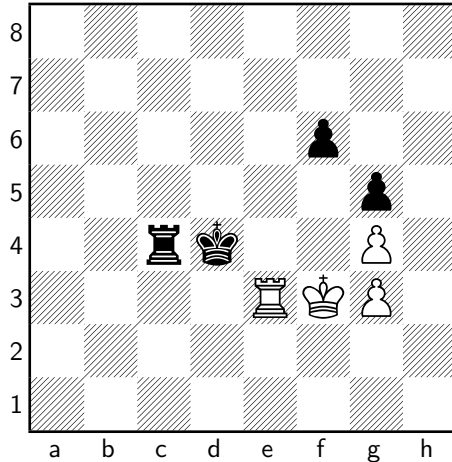
## 2.17 Defensive move

A precise move or sequence of moves that is needed to avoid losing material or another advantage.



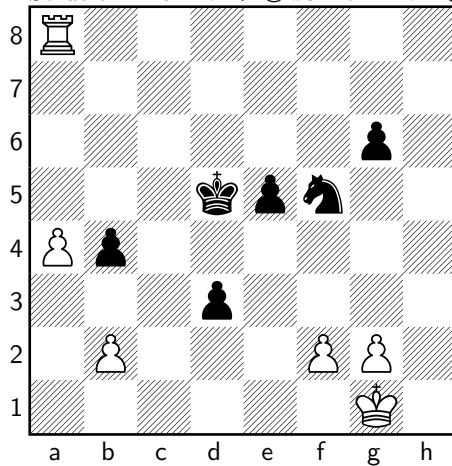
White to move.

Solution: 47 ♖e1 ♕xe1+ 48 ♗xe1



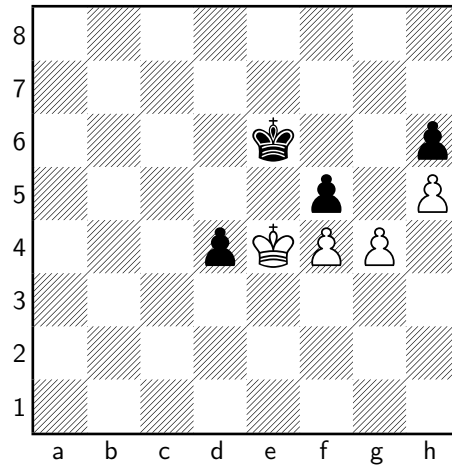
White to move.

Solution: 46 ♖e4+ ♕d3 47 ♖xc4 ♗xc4 48 ♖e4



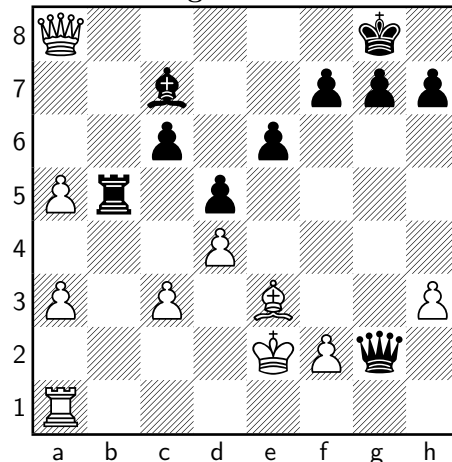
Black to move.

Solution: 43... d2 44 ♖d8+ ♗d6



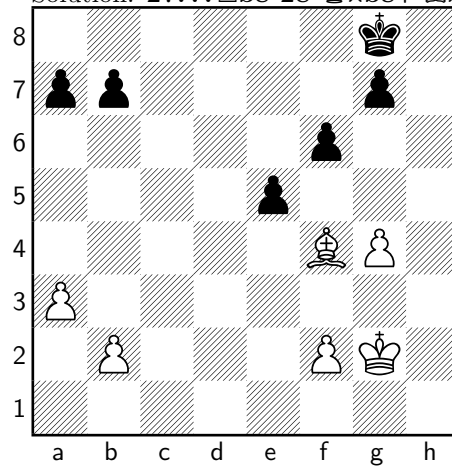
White to move.

Solution: 50 gxf5+ ♕f6 51 ♖xd4 ♗xf5 52 ♖e3



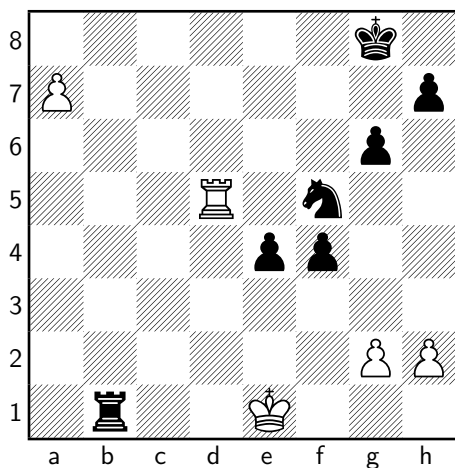
Black to move.

Solution: 27... ♖b8 28 ♗xb8+ ♗xb8



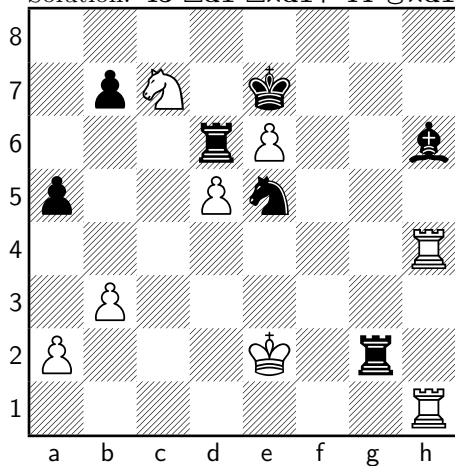
Black to move.

Solution: 34... exf4 35 ♗f3 g5



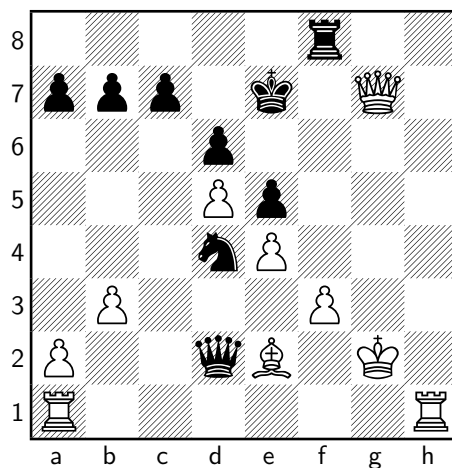
White to move.

Solution: 43 ♖d1 ♜×d1+ 44 ♔×d1



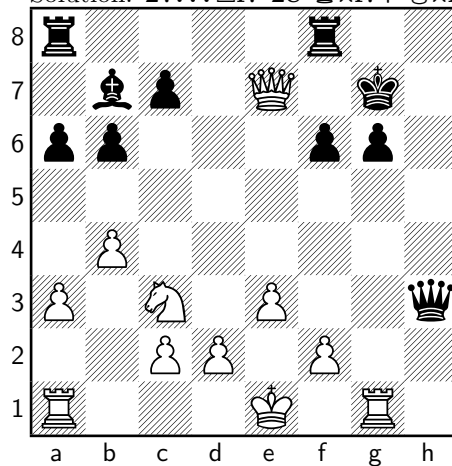
White to move.

Solution: 38 ♔f1 ♜×a2 39 ♜×h6



Black to move.

Solution: 27... ♜f7 28 ♜×f7+ ♔×f7



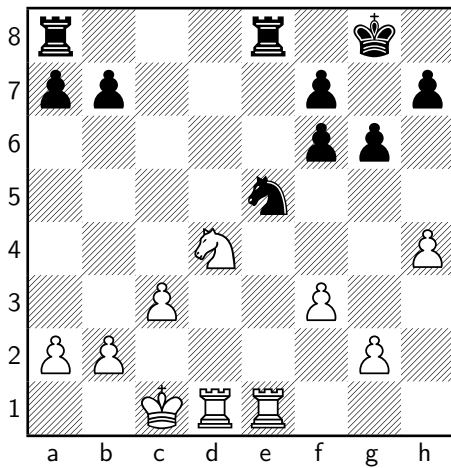
Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♜f7 23 ♜×f7+ ♔×f7



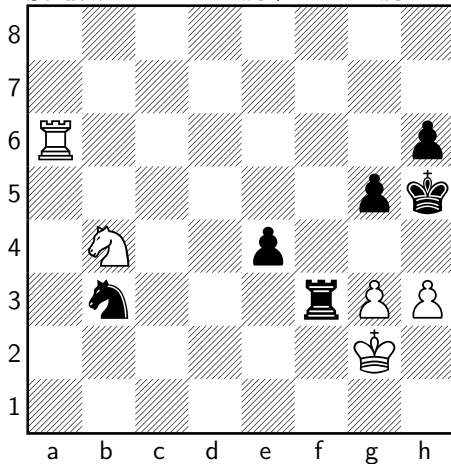
## 2.18 Deflection

A move that distracts an opponent piece from another duty that it performs, such as guarding a key square. Sometimes also called "overloading".



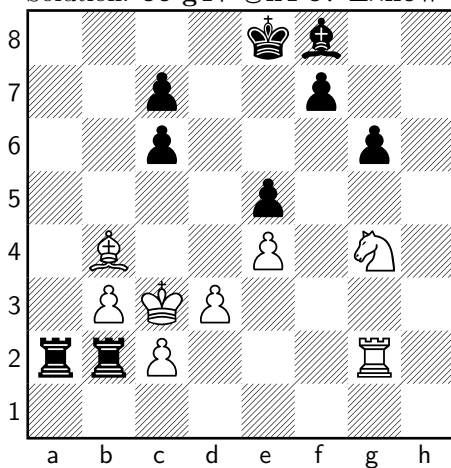
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♖d3+ 22 ♙xh3 ♖xe1+



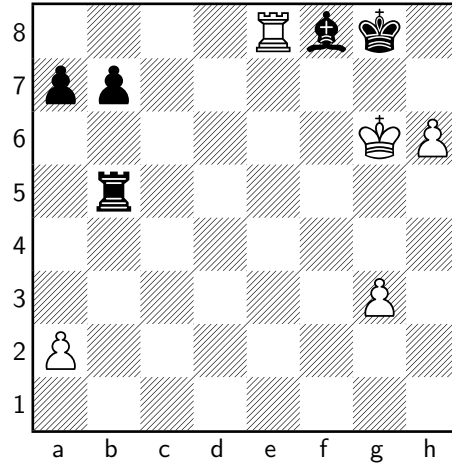
White to move.

Solution: 56 g4+ ♔h4 57 ♖xh6#



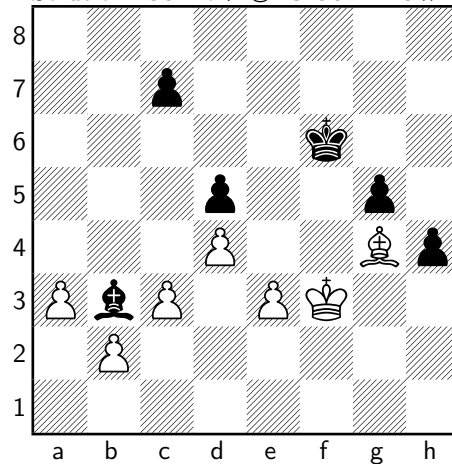
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♘f6+ ♔d8 35 ♙xh8



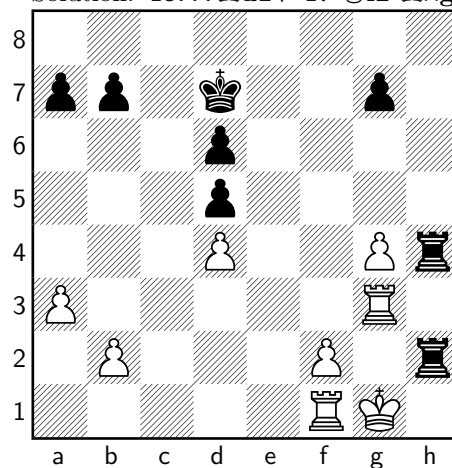
White to move.

Solution: 35 h7+ ♔h8 36 ♖xh8#



Black to move.

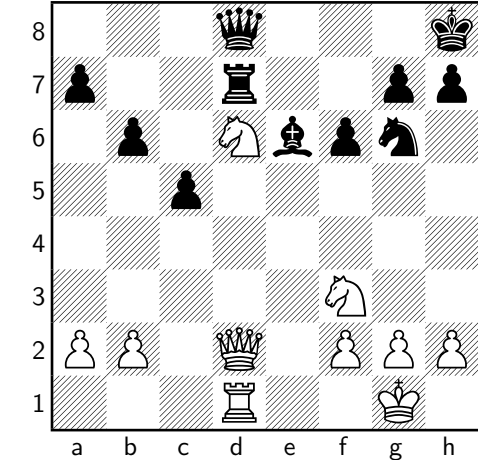
Solution: 46... ♙d1+ 47 ♔f2 ♙xg4



Black to move.

Solution: 34... ♖h1+ 35 ♔g2 ♜4h2+ 36 ♘f3

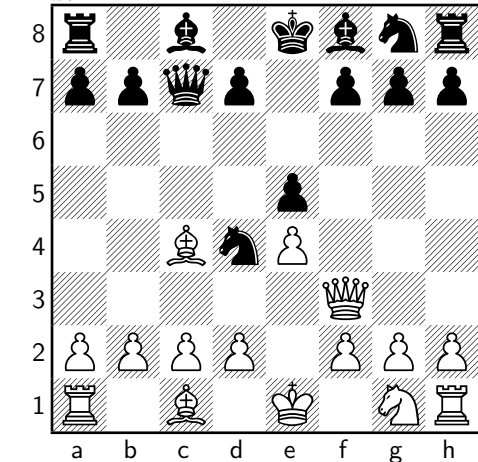
♜xf1



White to move.

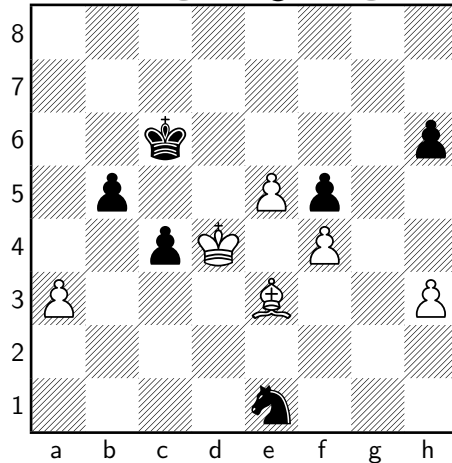
Solution: 32 ♘f7+ ♙xf7 33 ♖xd7 ♖xd7 34

♜xd7



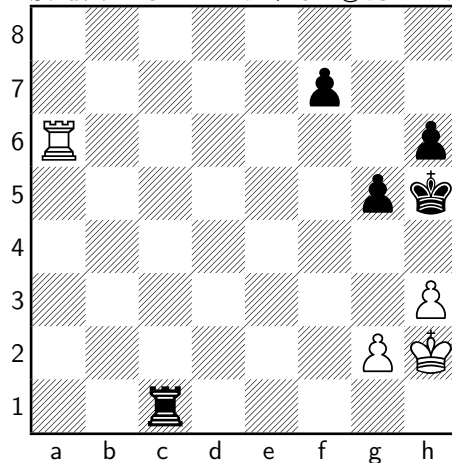
White to move.

Solution: 8 ♖xf7+ ♘d8 9 ♖xf8#



Black to move.

Solution: 61... ♘c2+ 62 ♔c3 ♘xe3

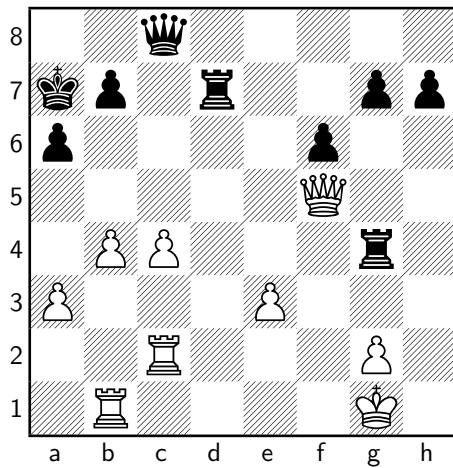


White to move.

Solution: 40 g4+ ♔h4 41 ♜xh6#

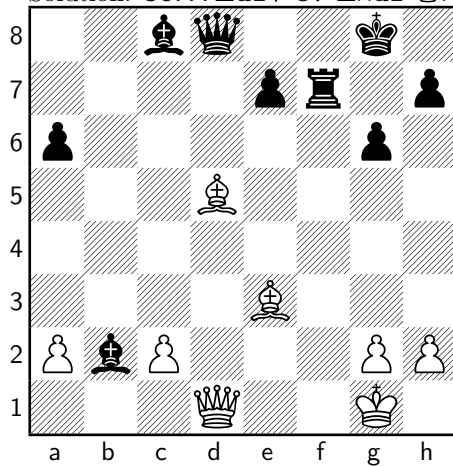
## 2.19 Discovered attack

Moving a piece (such as a knight), that previously blocked an attack by a long range piece (such as a rook), out of the way of that piece.



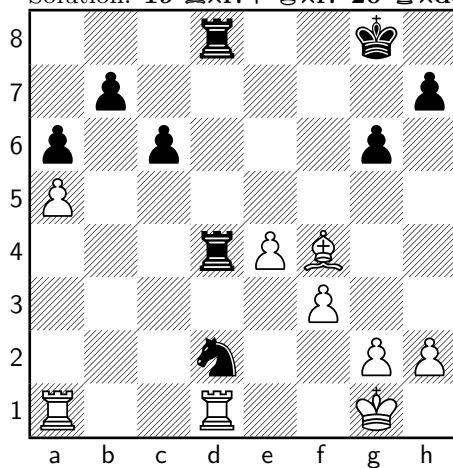
Black to move.

Solution: 36... ♖d1+ 37 ♖xd1 ♙xf5



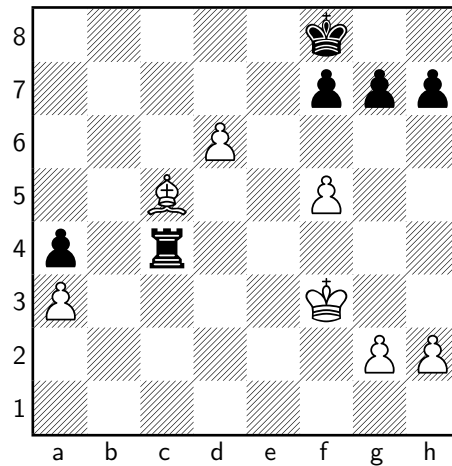
White to move.

Solution: 19 ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 20 ♙xd8



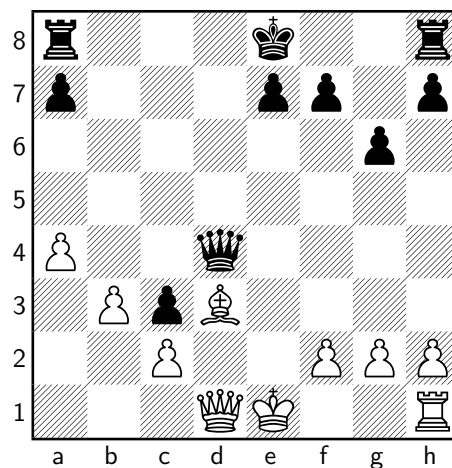
Black to move.

Solution: 27... ♗xf3+ 28 gxf3 ♖xd1+ 29 ♖xd1 ♖xd1+



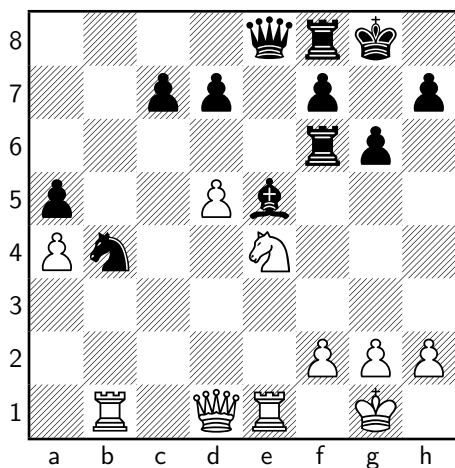
White to move.

Solution: 37 d7+ ♖xc5 38 d8 ♙#



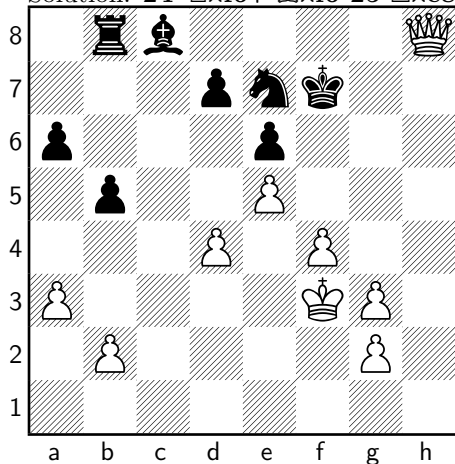
White to move.

Solution: 21 ♗b5+ ♖f8 22 ♙xd4



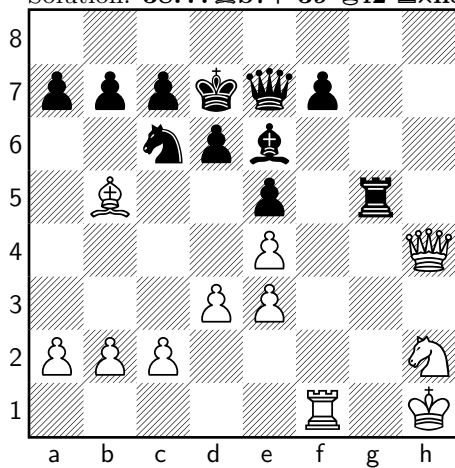
White to move.

Solution: 24. ♕xf6+ 25. ♕xf6 26. ♕xe8



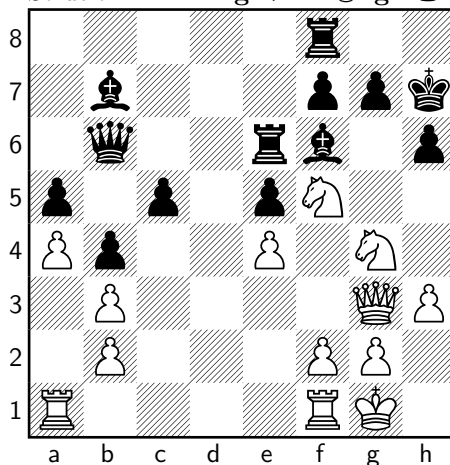
Black to move.

Solution: 38... ♕b7+ 39. ♕f2 ♕xh8



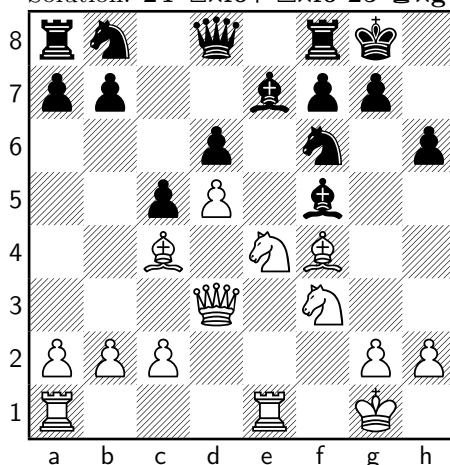
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♕g1+ 22. ♕xg1 ♕xh4



White to move.

Solution: 24. ♕xf6+ 25. ♕xf6 26. ♕xe8

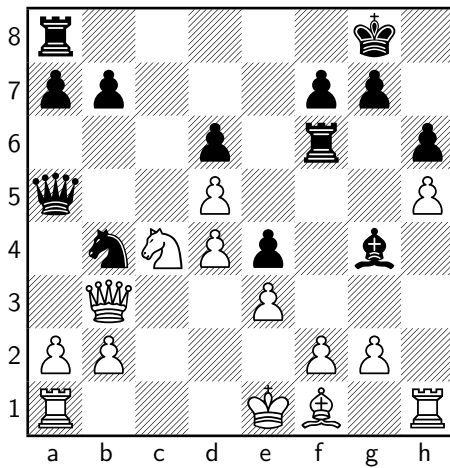


White to move.

Solution: 13. ♕xf6+ 14. ♕xf6 15. ♕xf5

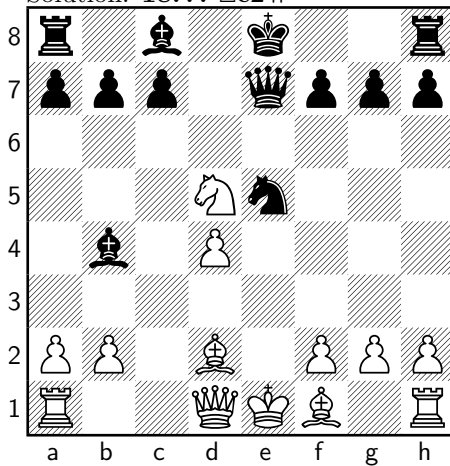
## 2.20 Double check

Checking with two pieces at once, as a result of a discovered attack where both the moving piece and the unveiled piece attack the opponent's king.



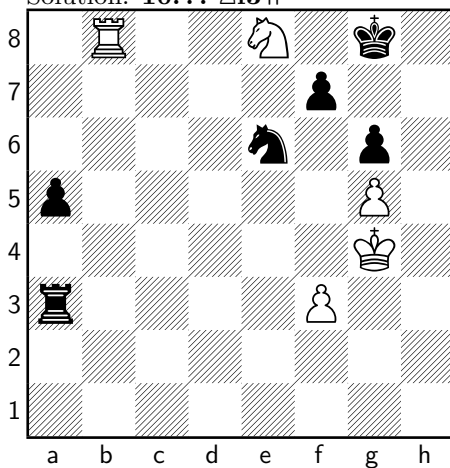
Black to move.

Solution: 18... ♖c2#



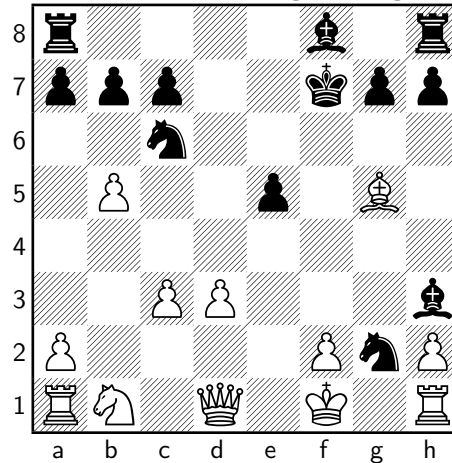
Black to move.

Solution: 10... ♖f3#



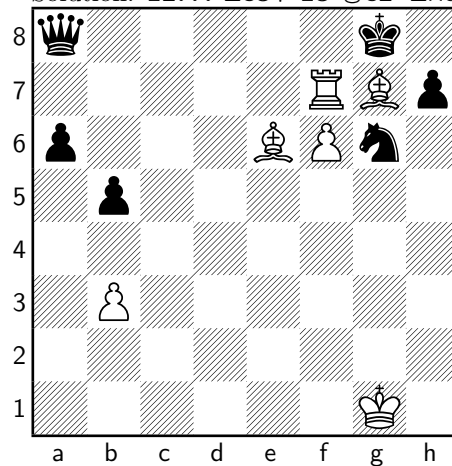
White to move.

Solution: 43 ♖f6+ ♔g7 44 ♜g8#



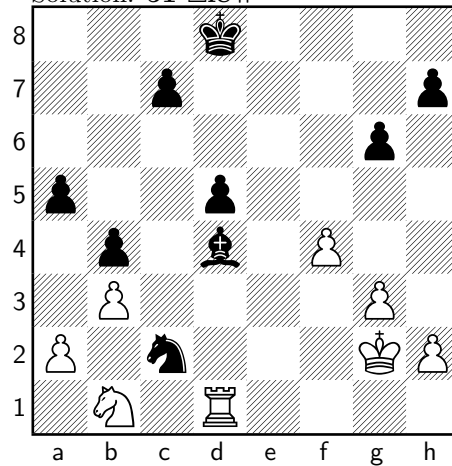
Black to move.

Solution: 12... ♖e3+ 13 ♔e2 ♖xd1



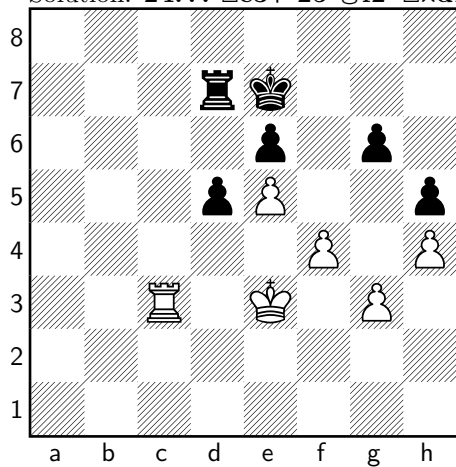
White to move.

Solution: 51 ♜f8#



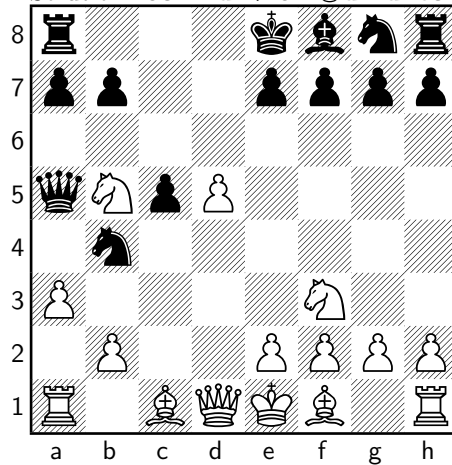
Black to move.

Solution: 24... ♖e3+ 25 ♔f2 ♘d1+



Black to move.

Solution: 63... d4+ 64 ♔d2 dxc3+

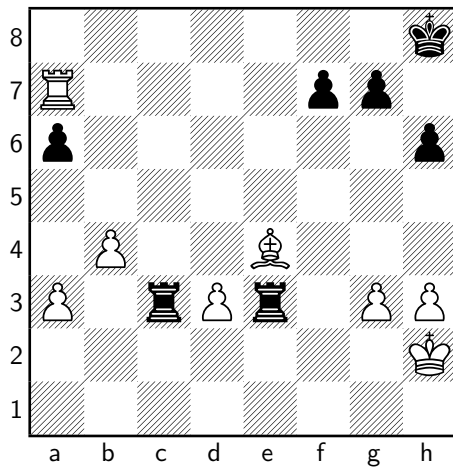


Black to move.

Solution: 10... ♘d3#

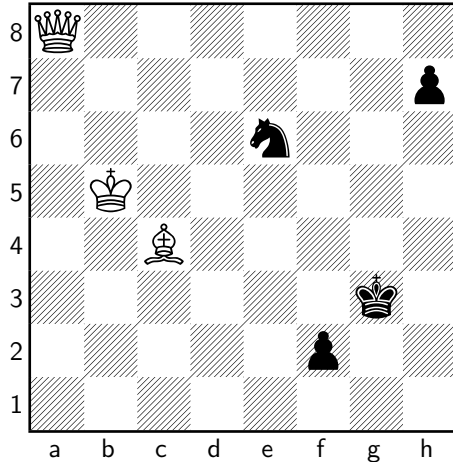
## 2.21 Endgame

A tactic during the last phase of the game.



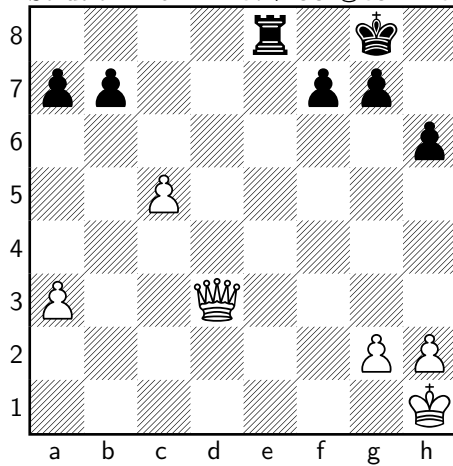
White to move.

Solution: 40 ♖a8+ ♜c8 41 ♖xc8#



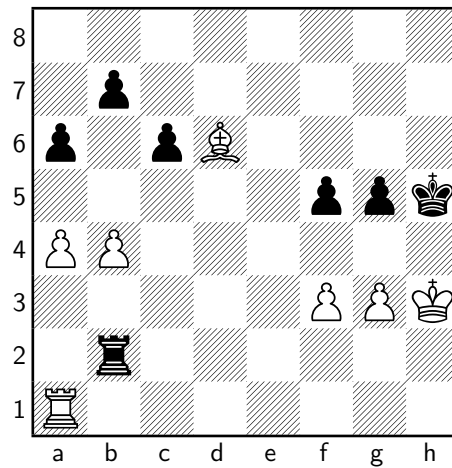
Black to move.

Solution: 49... ♜c7+ 50 ♜c5 ♜xa8



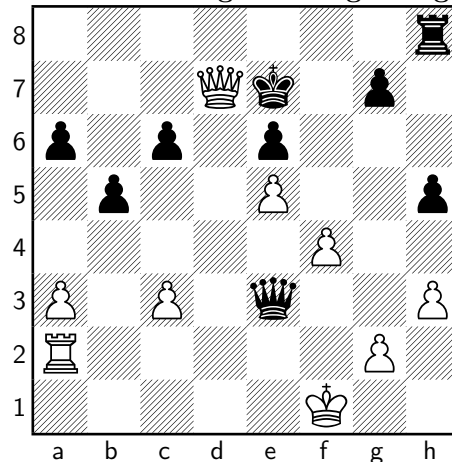
Black to move.

Solution: 28... ♜e1+ 29 ♜f1 ♜xf1#



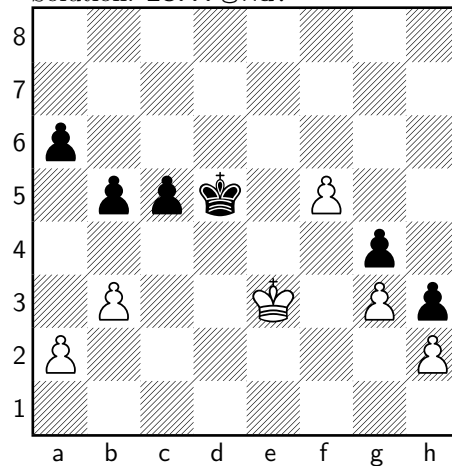
Black to move.

Solution: 32... g4+ 33 f×g4+ f×g4#



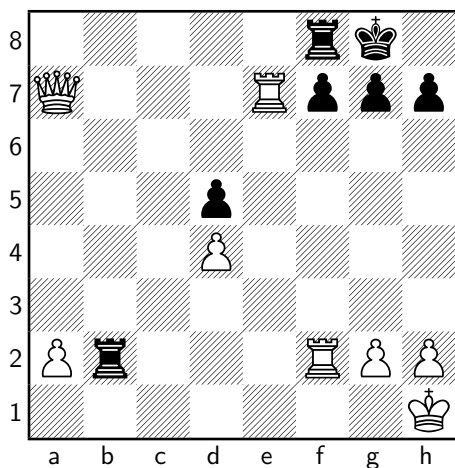
Black to move.

Solution: 28... ♜xd7



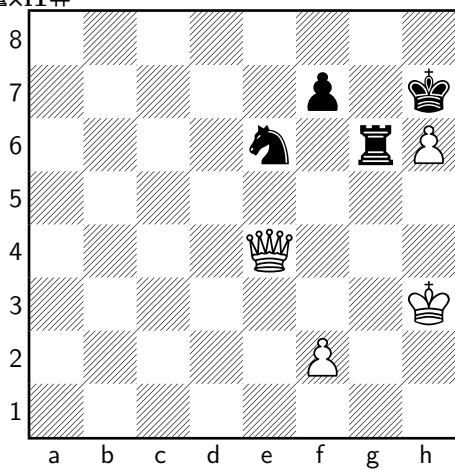
Black to move.

Solution: 32... ♜e5 33 f6 ♜xf6



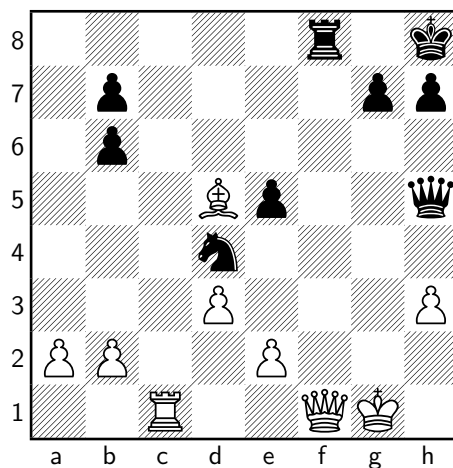
Black to move.

Solution: 24... ♖b1+ 25 ♙e1 ♖xe1+ 26 ♙f1 ♖xf1#



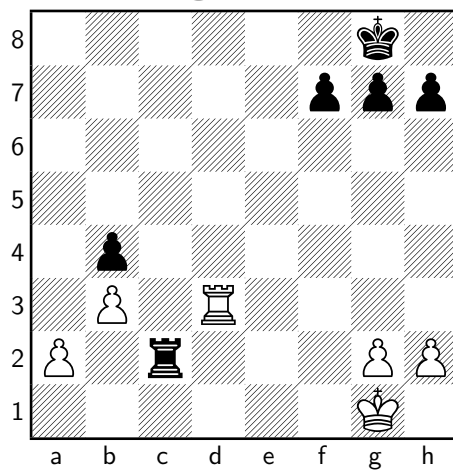
Black to move.

Solution: 50... ♖g5+ 51 ♙g4 ♖xe4+



White to move.

Solution: 26 ♙xf8#



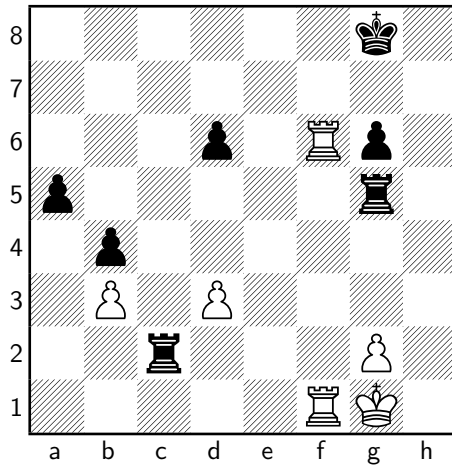
White to move.

Solution: 28 ♙d8#



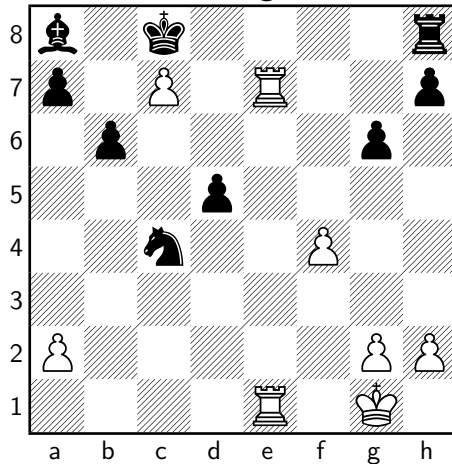
## 2.22 Exposed king

A tactic involving a king with few defenders around it, often leading to checkmate.



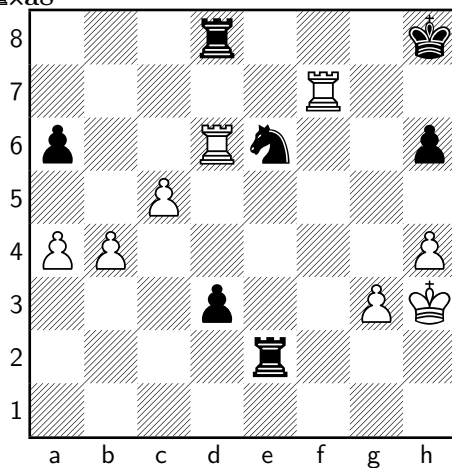
White to move.

Solution: 38 ♖f8+ ♕h7 39 ♖1f7+ ♕h6 40 ♖h8#



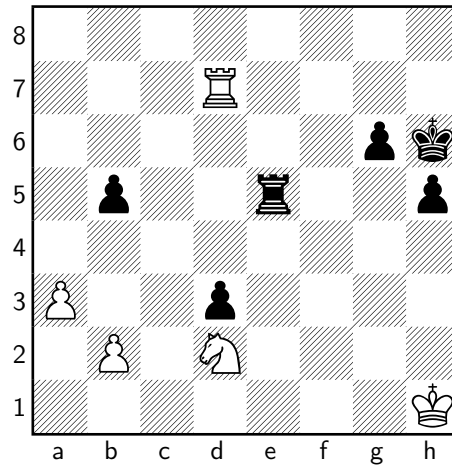
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♖e8+ ♖xe8 27 ♖xe8+ ♕xc7 28 ♖xa8



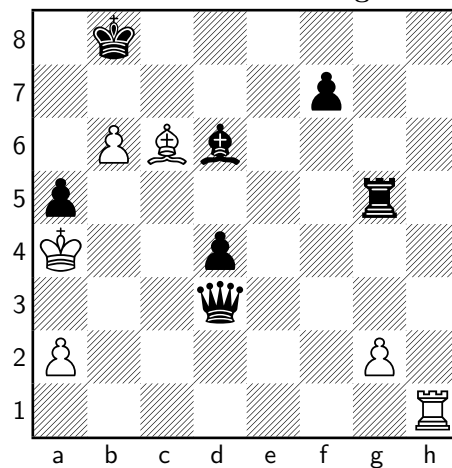
White to move.

Solution: 46 ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 47 ♖f8+ ♕g7 48 ♖xd8



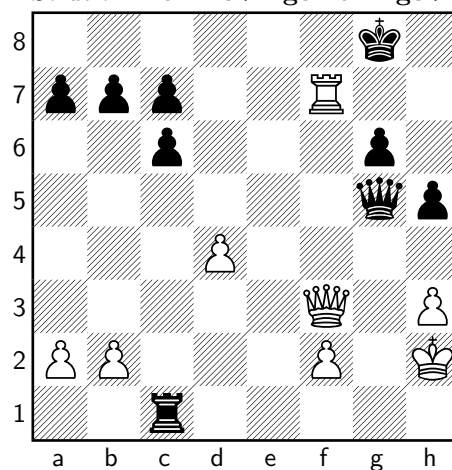
Black to move.

Solution: 39... ♖e1+ 40 ♕g2 ♖e2+ 41 ♕f3 ♖xd2



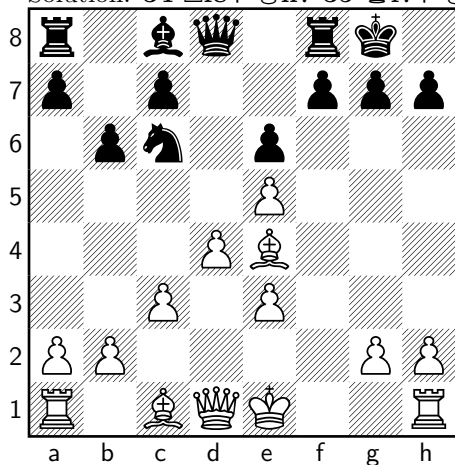
White to move.

Solution: 45 ♖h8+ ♖g8 46 ♖xg8+ ♖f8 47 ♖xf8#



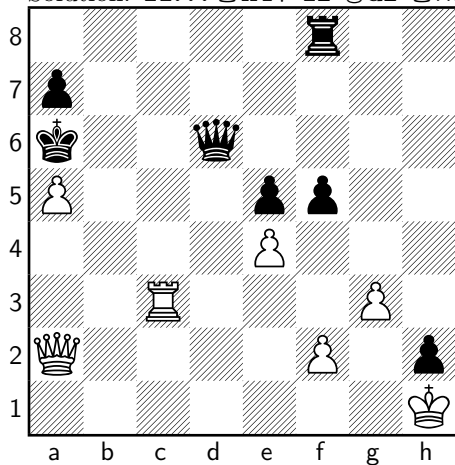
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♖f8+ ♘h7 35 ♙f7+ ♘h6 36 ♖h8#



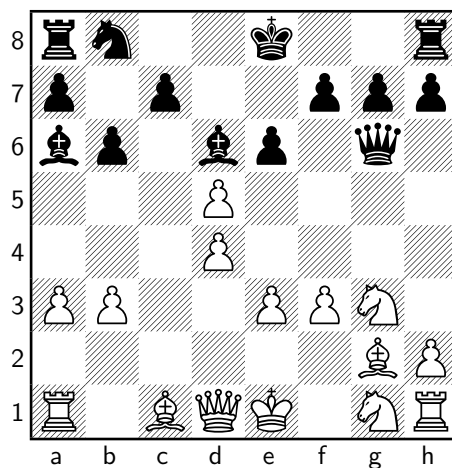
Black to move.

Solution: 11... ♙h4+ 12 ♘d2 ♙xe4



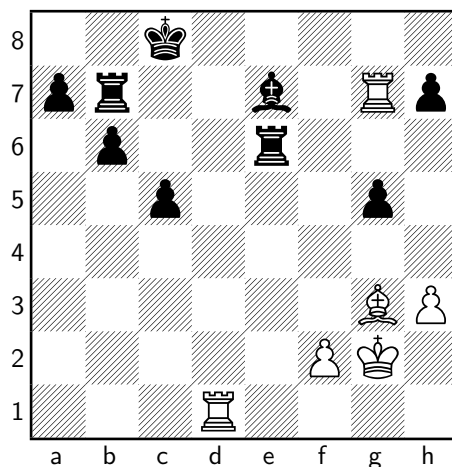
Black to move.

Solution: 44... ♙d1+ 45 ♘xh2 ♖h8+ 46 ♘g2 ♙h1#



Black to move.

Solution: 12... ♙xg3+ 13 h×g3 ♙xg3+ 14 ♘d2 ♙xg2+

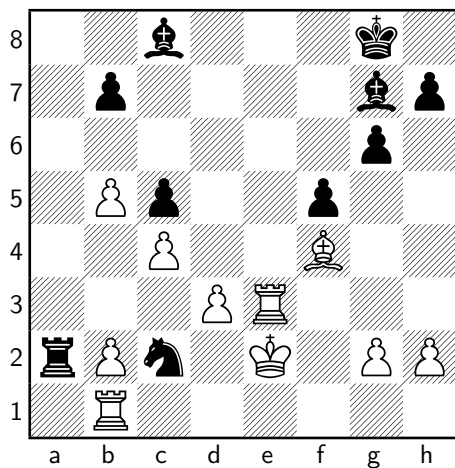


White to move.

Solution: 31 ♖g8+ ♙f8 32 ♖xf8+ ♖e8 33 ♖xe8#

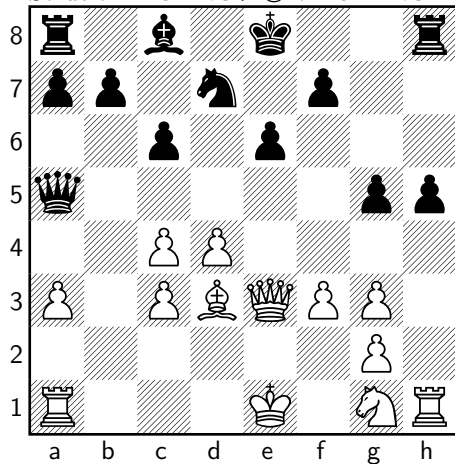
## 2.23 Fork

A move where the moved piece attacks two opponent pieces at once.



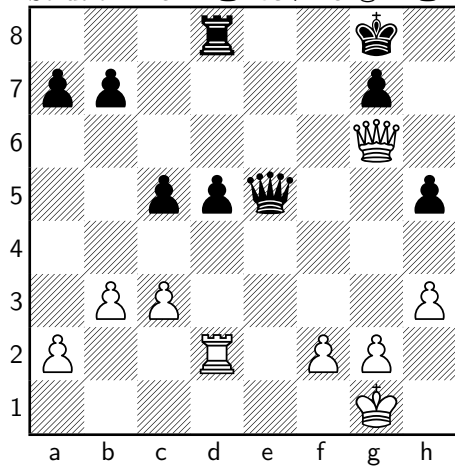
White to move.

Solution: 25 ♖e8+ ♔f7 26 ♖xc8



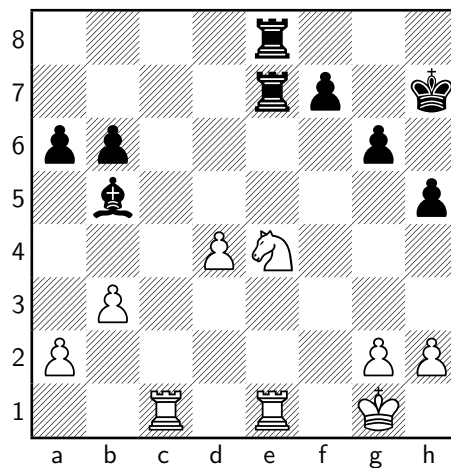
Black to move.

Solution: 15... ♕xc3+ 16 ♖f2 ♕xa1



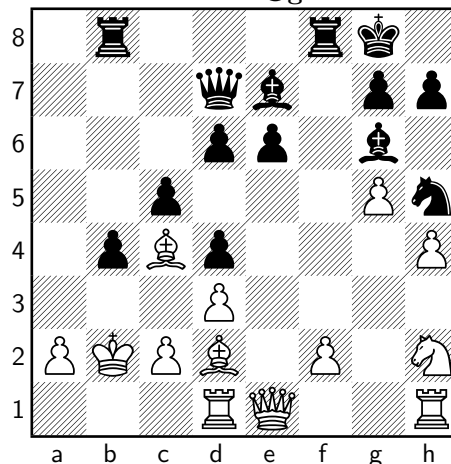
Black to move.

Solution: 28... ♕e1+ 29 ♖h2 ♕xd2



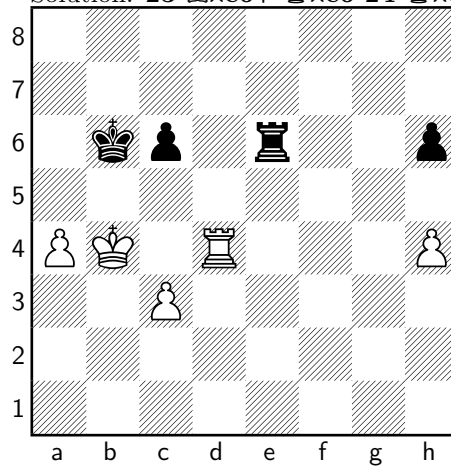
White to move.

Solution: 31 ♖f6+ ♔g7 32 ♖xe8+



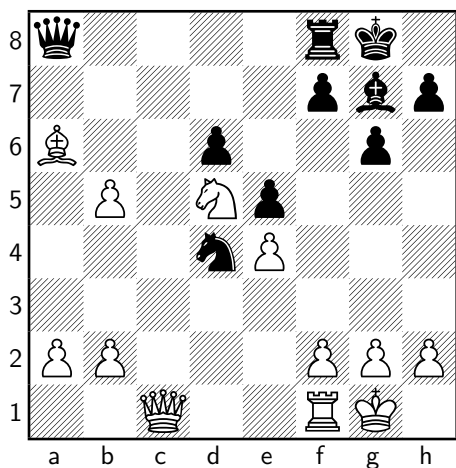
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♖xe6+ ♕xe6 24 ♕xe6+



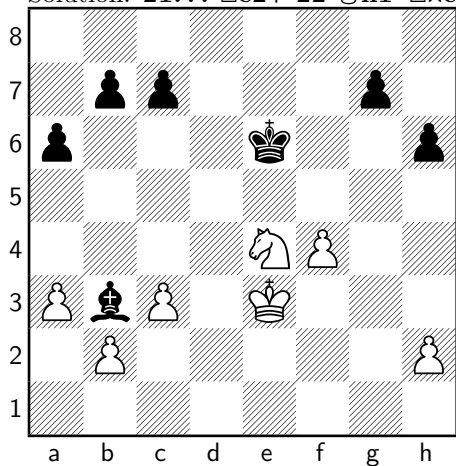
Black to move.

Solution: 42... c5+ 43 ♖c4 cxd4



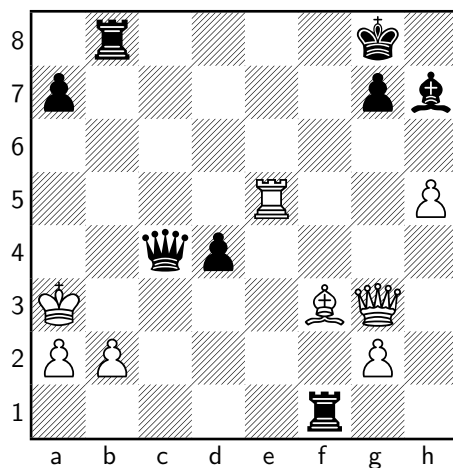
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♕e2+ 22 ♖h1 ♕xc1



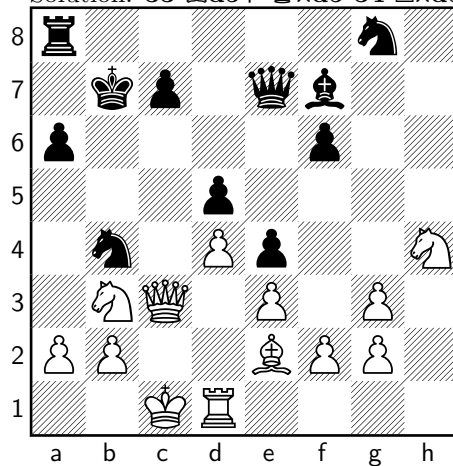
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♕c5+ ♖f5 36 ♕xb3



White to move.

Solution: 33 ♕d5+ ♖xd5 34 ♖xd5

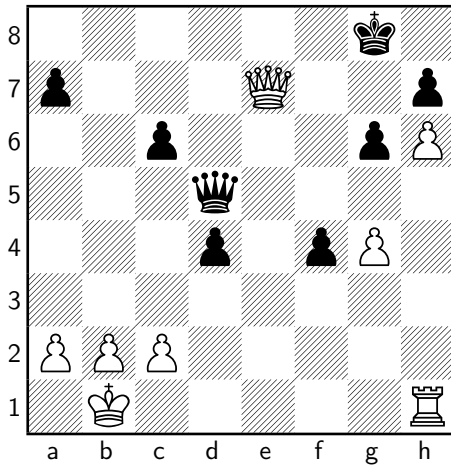


Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♕xa2+ 22 ♖d2 ♕xc3

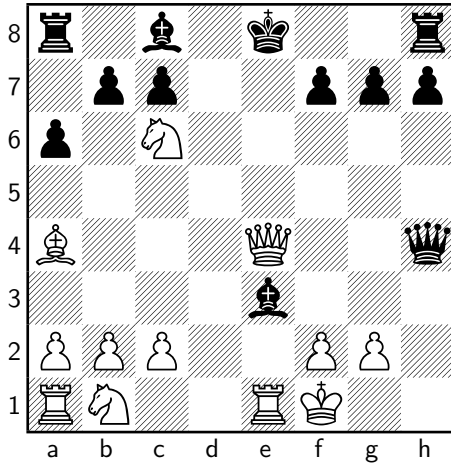
## 2.24 Hanging piece

A tactic involving an opponent piece being undefended or insufficiently defended and free to capture.



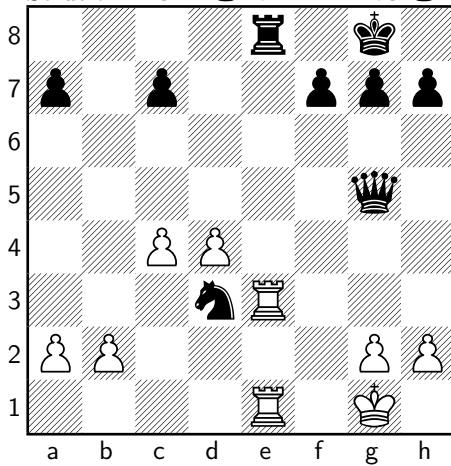
Black to move.

Solution: 27... ♖xh1+ 28 ♕e1 ♖xe1#



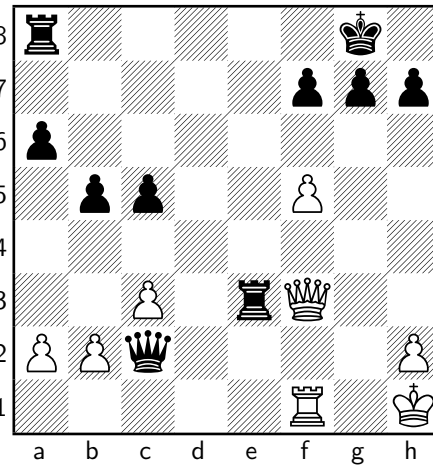
Black to move.

Solution: 13... ♕xe4 14 ♖xe3 ♕xe3



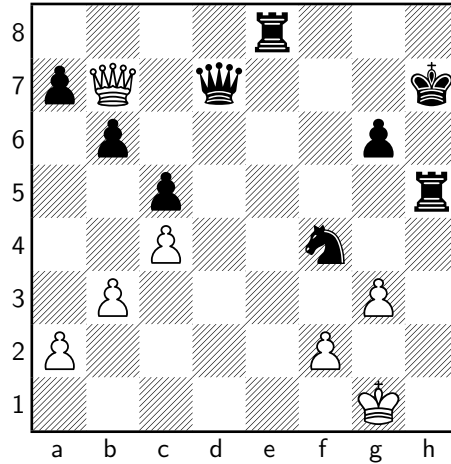
White to move.

Solution: 22 ♖xe8#



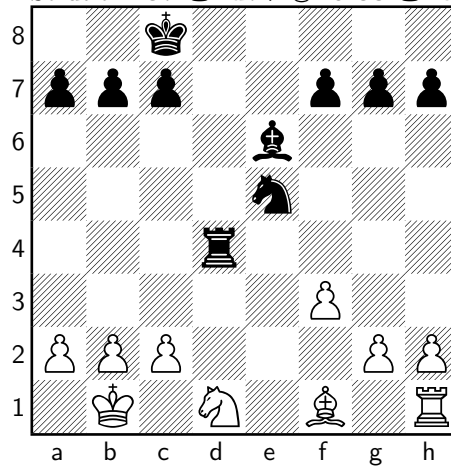
White to move.

Solution: 27 ♖xa8+ ♔e8 28 ♕xe8#



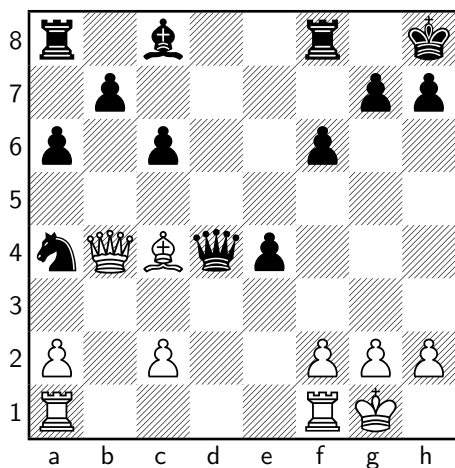
White to move.

Solution: 37 ♕xd7+ ♔h6 38 ♕xe8



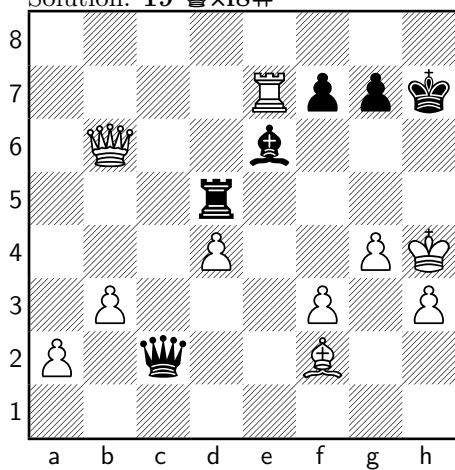
Black to move.

Solution: 17... ♖xd1#



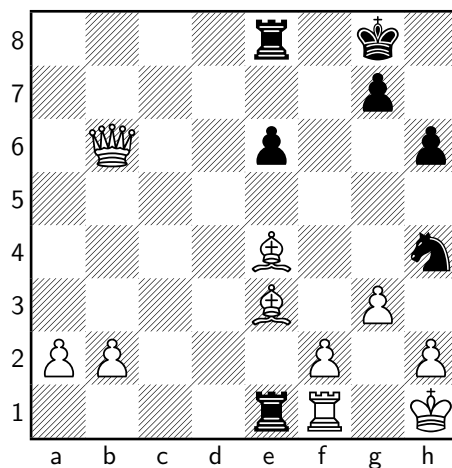
White to move.

Solution: 19 ♖xf8#



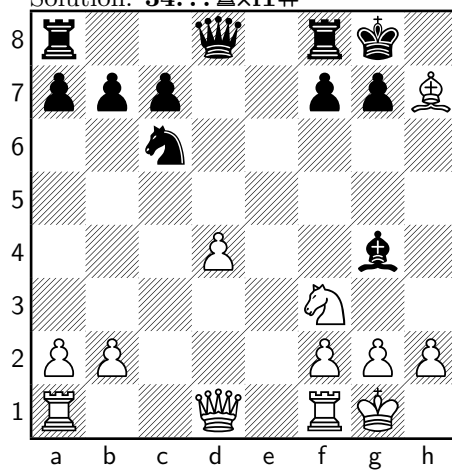
Black to move.

Solution: 40... ♜xf2#



Black to move.

Solution: 34... ♜xf1#

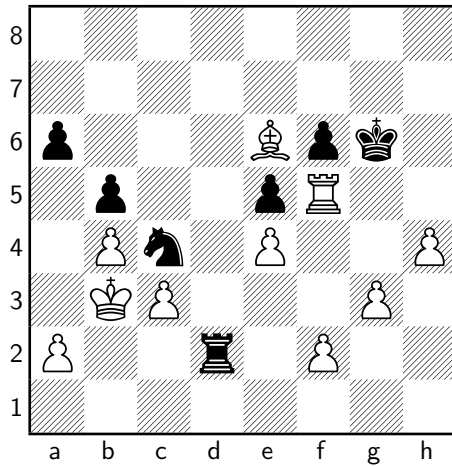


Black to move.

Solution: 13... ♜xh7

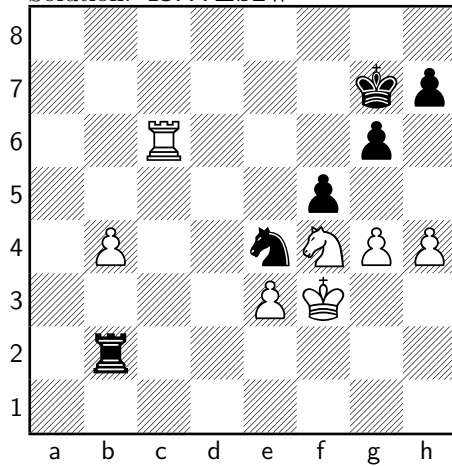
## 2.25 Hook mate

Checkmate with a rook, knight, and pawn along with one enemy pawn to limit the enemy king's escape.



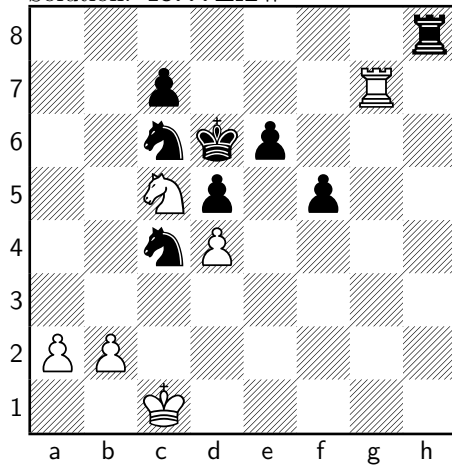
Black to move.

Solution: 43... ♖b2#



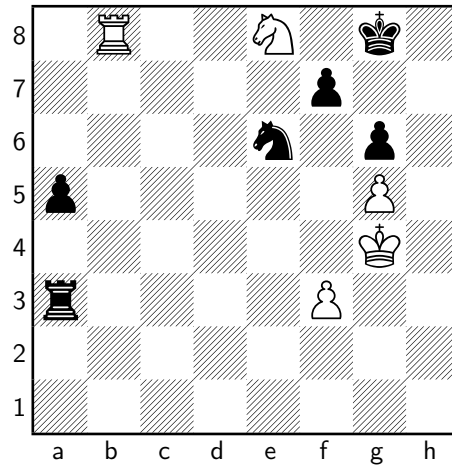
Black to move.

Solution: 46... ♖f2#



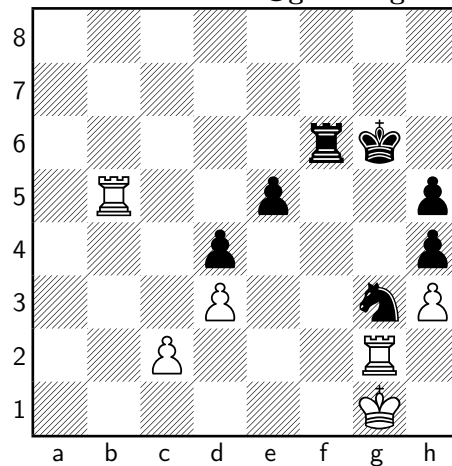
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♖d7#



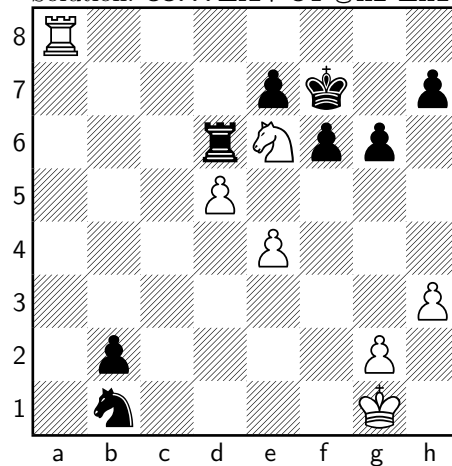
White to move.

Solution: 43 ♘f6+ ♔g7 44 ♖g8#



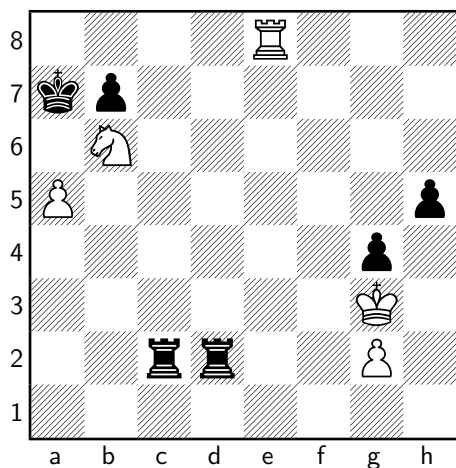
Black to move.

Solution: 33... ♖f1+ 34 ♔h2 ♖h1#



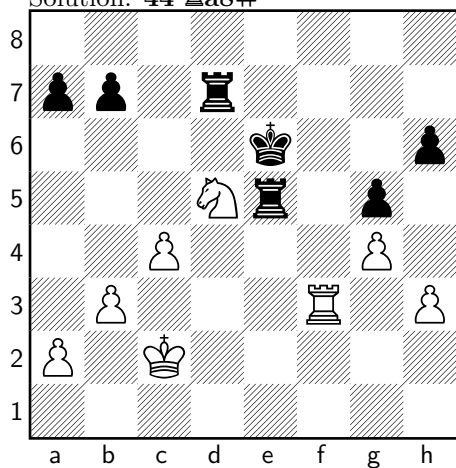
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♖f8#



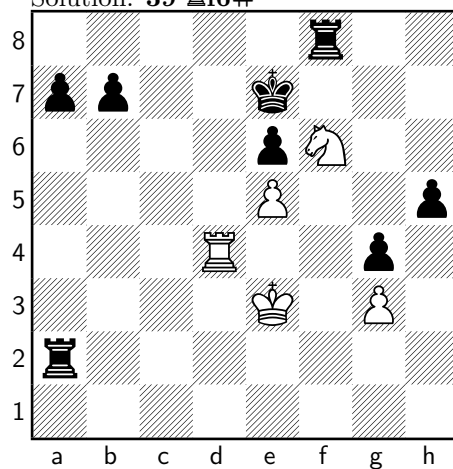
White to move.

Solution: 44 ♖a8#



White to move.

Solution: 39 ♜f6#



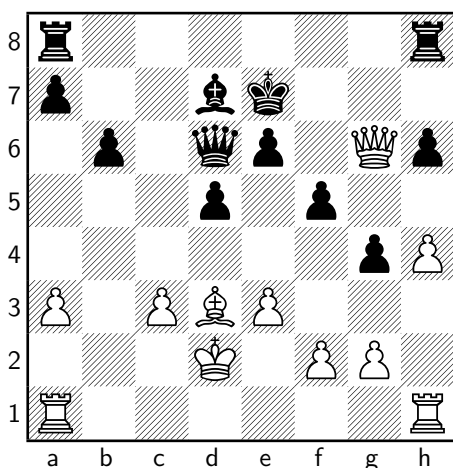
White to move.

Solution: 37 ♜d7#



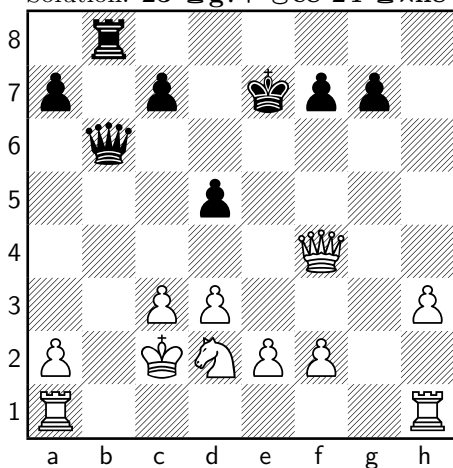
## 2.26 Interference

Moving a piece between two opponent pieces to leave one or both opponent pieces undefended, such as a knight on a defended square between two rooks.



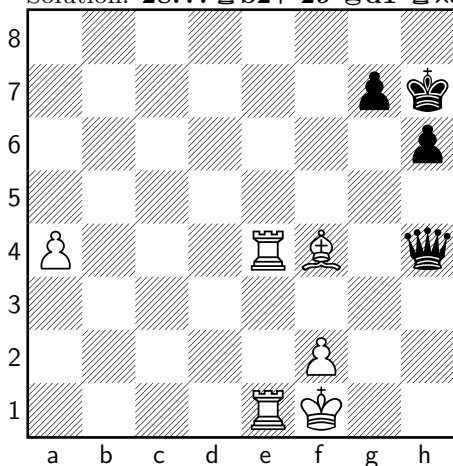
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♖g7+ ♕e8 24 ♖xh8+



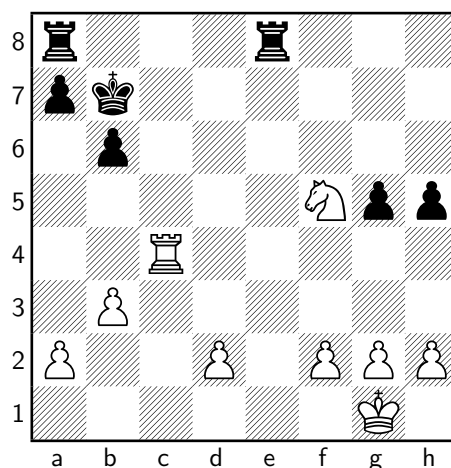
Black to move.

Solution: 28... ♖b2+ 29 ♕d1 ♖xa1+



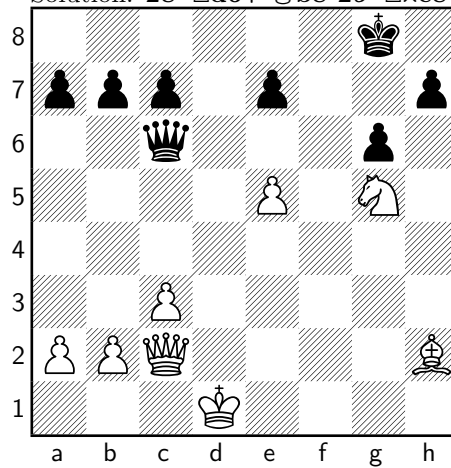
Black to move.

Solution: 40... ♖h1+ 41 ♕e2 ♖xe4+



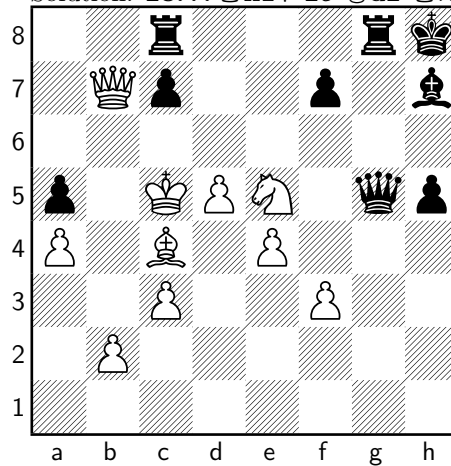
White to move.

Solution: 28 ♘d6+ ♖b8 29 ♘xe8



Black to move.

Solution: 28... ♖h1+ 29 ♕d2 ♖xh2+

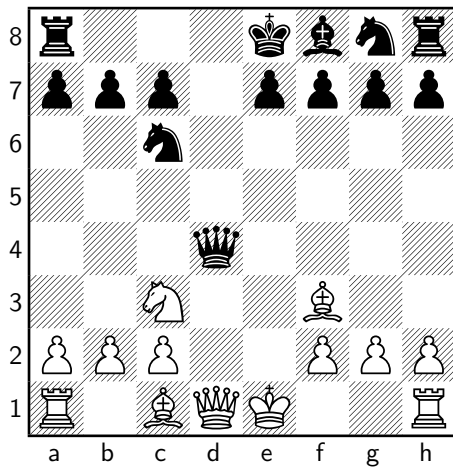


White to move.

Solution: 36 ♘xf7+ ♖g7 37 ♘xg5

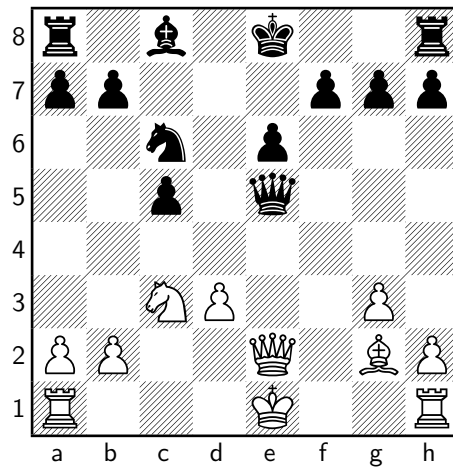
## 2.27 Intermezzo

Instead of playing the expected move, first interpose another move posing an immediate threat that the opponent must answer. Also known as "Zwischenzug" or "In between".



White to move.

Solution: 8 ♘xc6+ bxc6 9 ♔xd4

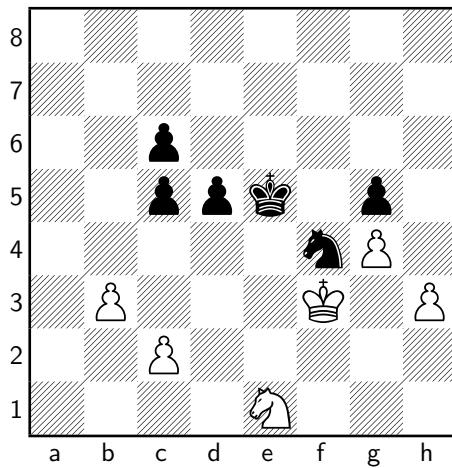


White to move.

Solution: 18 ♘xc6+ bxc6 19 ♔xe5

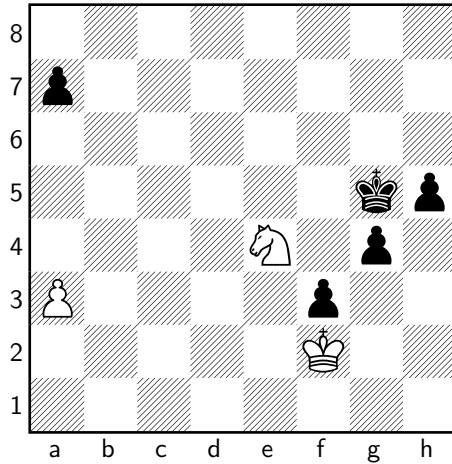
## 2.28 Knight endgame

An endgame with only knights and pawns.



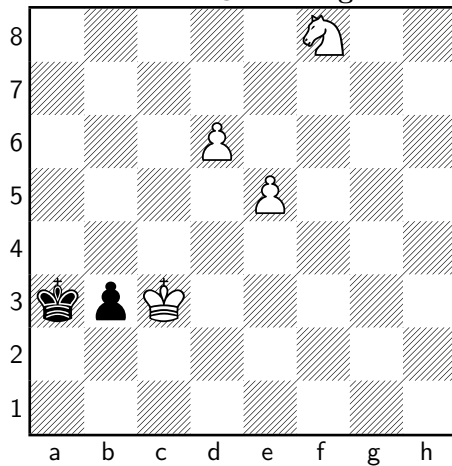
White to move.

Solution: 43  $\text{♞d3+}$   $\text{♞xd3}$  44  $\text{cxd3}$



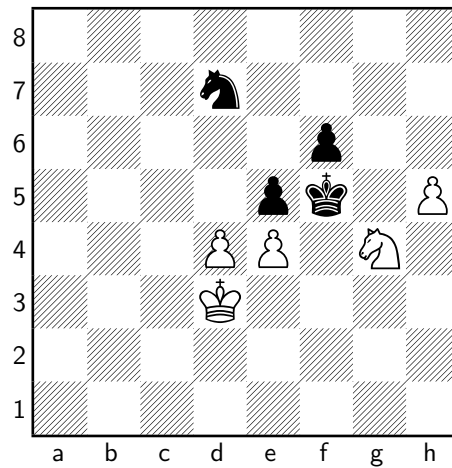
Black to move.

Solution: 62...  $\text{♞f4}$  63  $\text{♞g3}$  h4



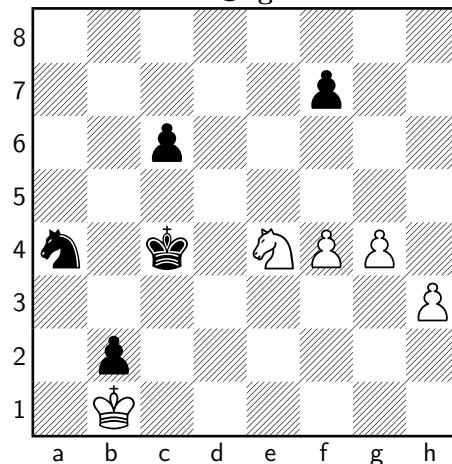
Black to move.

Solution: 57... b2 58  $\text{♞d7}$  b1 $\text{♞}$



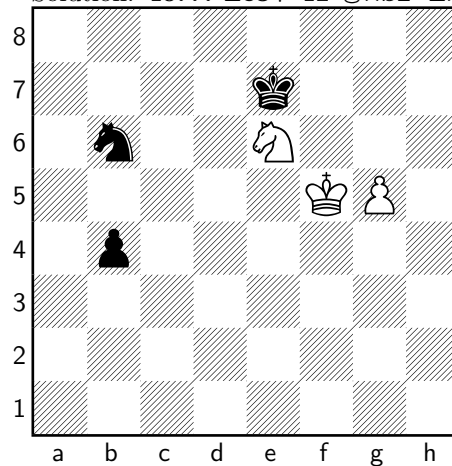
Black to move.

Solution: 52...  $\text{♞xg4}$  53 h6  $\text{♞f8}$



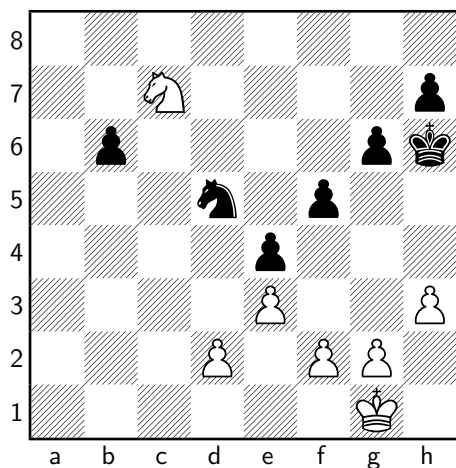
Black to move.

Solution: 40...  $\text{♞c3+}$  41  $\text{♞xb2}$   $\text{♞xe4}$



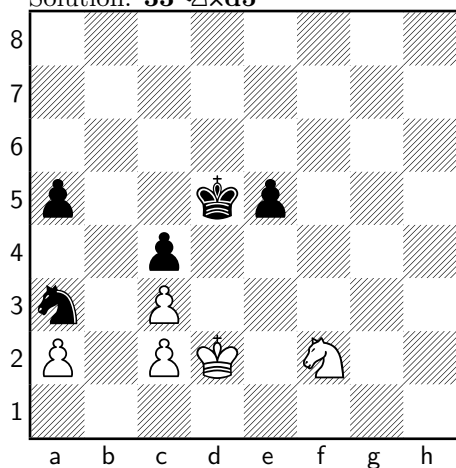
Black to move.

Solution: 48... b3 49  $\text{♞d4}$  b2



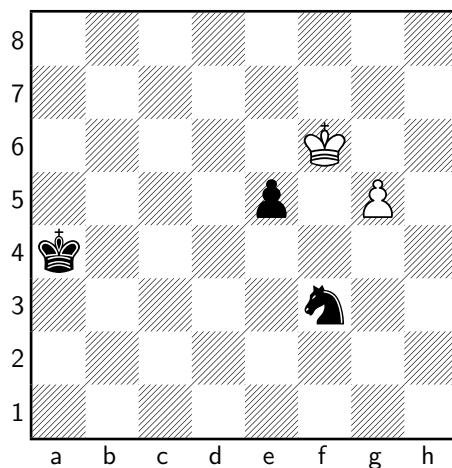
White to move.

Solution: 33 ♖xd5



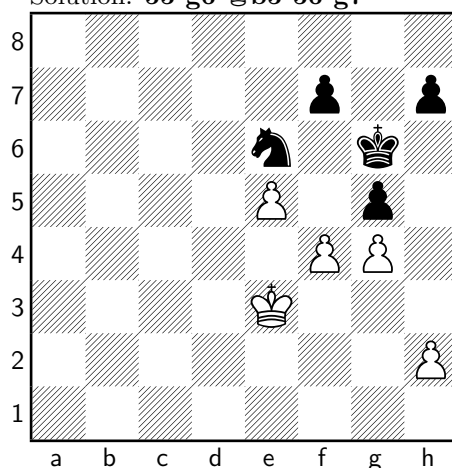
Black to move.

Solution: 40... ♖b1+ 41 ♔e3 ♖xc3



White to move.

Solution: 55 g6 ♔b5 56 g7

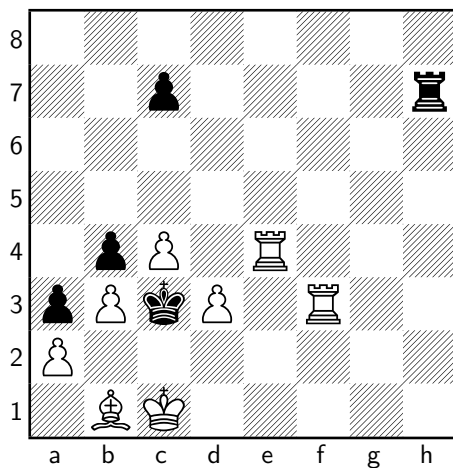


White to move.

Solution: 41 f5+ ♔g7 42 fxe6

## 2.29 Long puzzle

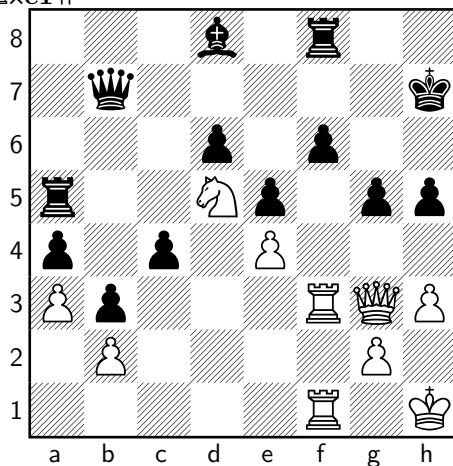
Three moves to win.



Black to move.

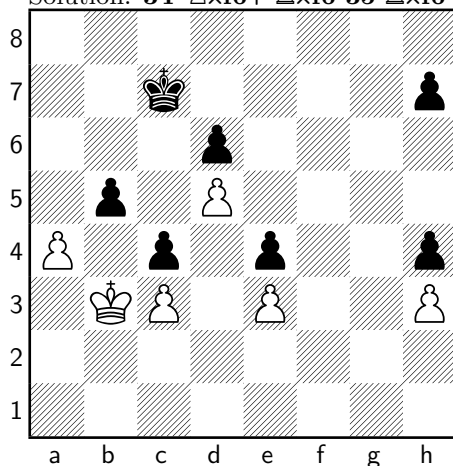
Solution: 39... ♖h1+ 40 ♜f1 ♜xf1+ 41 ♜e1

♜xe1#



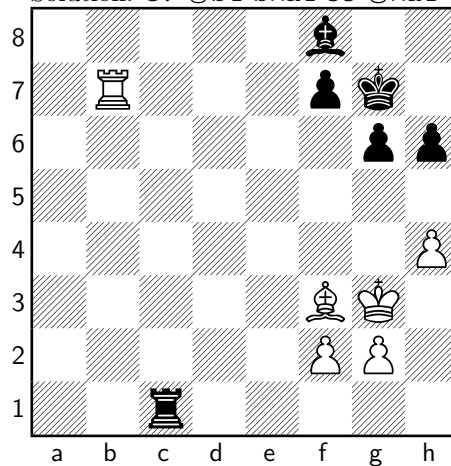
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♘xf6+ ♜xf6 35 ♜xf6 ♘xf6 36 ♜xf6



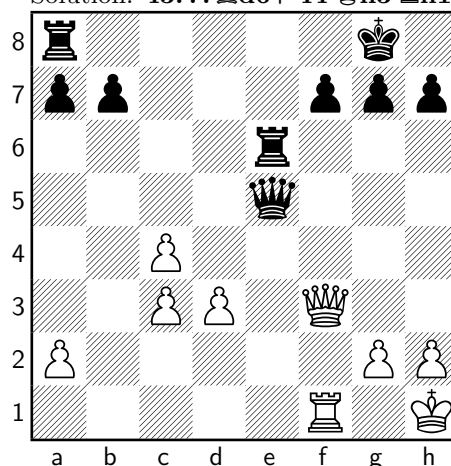
White to move.

Solution: 37 ♘b4 bxa4 38 ♘xa4 ♘b6 39 ♘b4



Black to move.

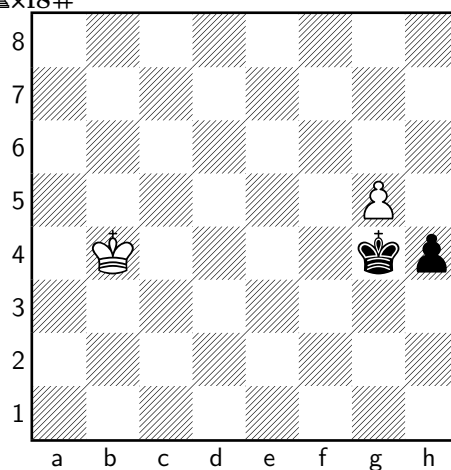
Solution: 43... ♘d6+ 44 ♘h3 ♜h1+ 45 ♘g4 h5+



White to move.

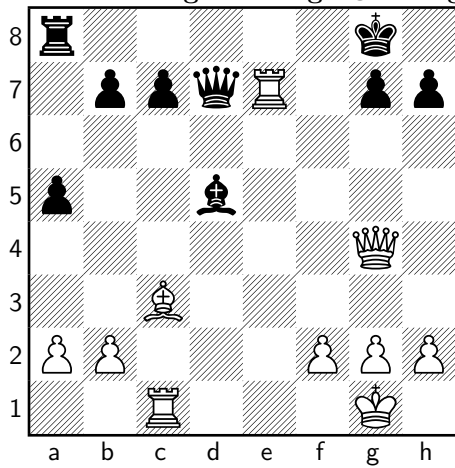
Solution: 23 ♜xf7+ ♘h8 24 ♜f8+ ♜xf8 25

♜xf8#



White to move.

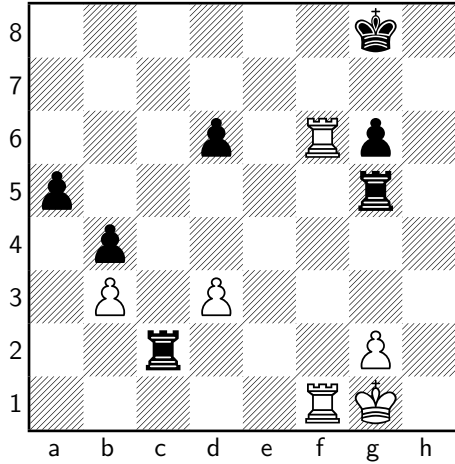
Solution: 49 g6 h3 50 g7 ♖f3 51 g8♞



Black to move.

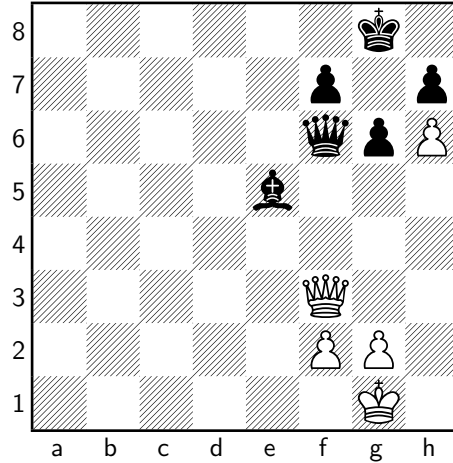
Solution: 24... ♞xg4 25 ♜xg7+ ♞xg7 26 ♠xg7 ♞xg7

♞xg7



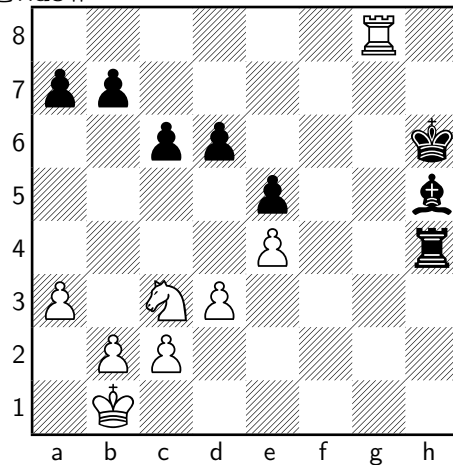
White to move.

Solution: 38 ♜f8+ ♜h7 39 ♜1f7+ ♜h6 40 ♜h8#



White to move.

Solution: 35 ♞a8+ ♠b8 36 ♞xb8+ ♞d8 37 ♞xd8#

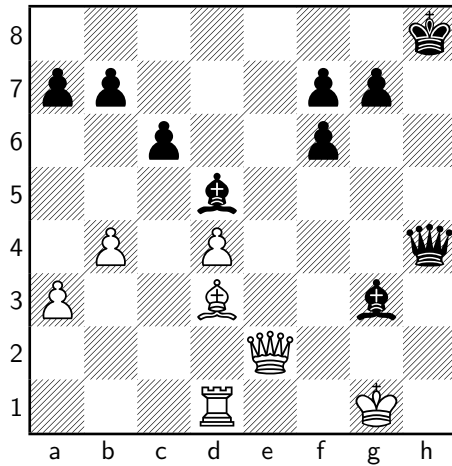


Black to move.

Solution: 35... ♜h1+ 36 ♜a2 ♠f7+ 37 b3 ♠xg8

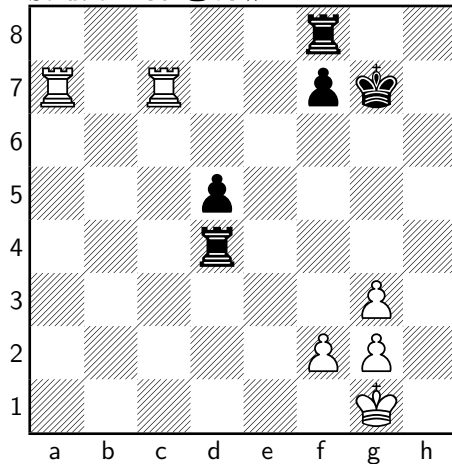
## 2.30 Master games

Puzzles from games played by titled players.



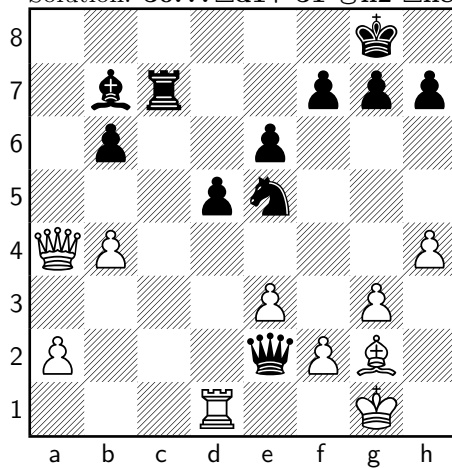
White to move.

Solution: 39 ♕e8#



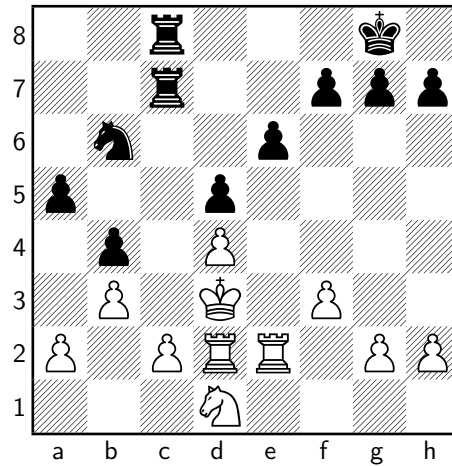
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♖d1+ 31 ♔h2 ♖h8#



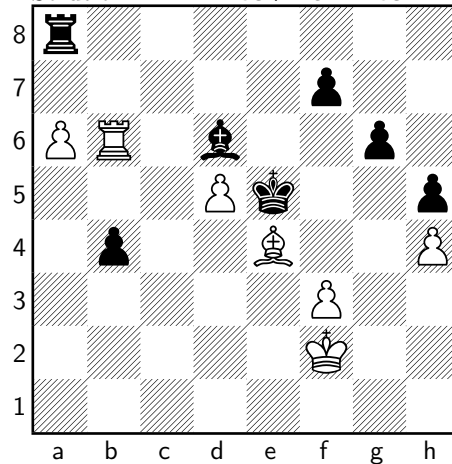
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♕e8#



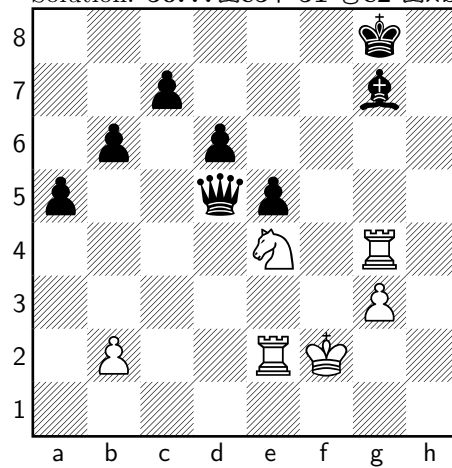
Black to move.

Solution: 24... ♖c3+ 25 ♔xc3 ♖xc3#



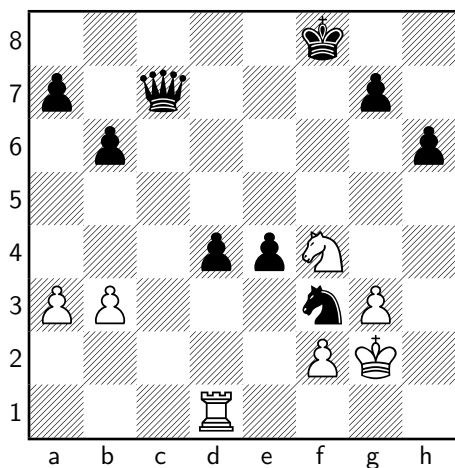
Black to move.

Solution: 50... ♗c5+ 51 ♔e2 ♗xb6



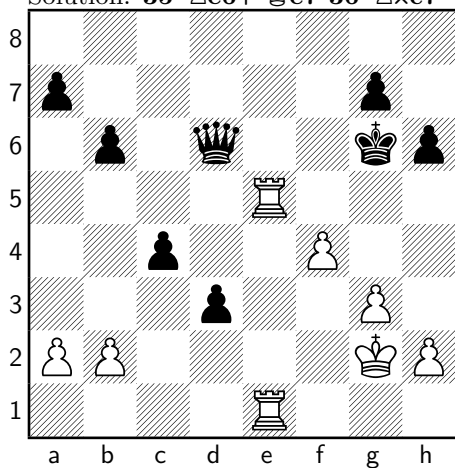
White to move.

Solution: 33 ♗f6+ ♔f7 34 ♗xd5



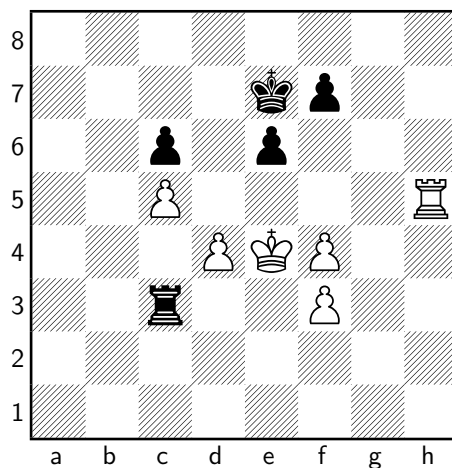
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♖e6+ ♔e7 36 ♖xc7



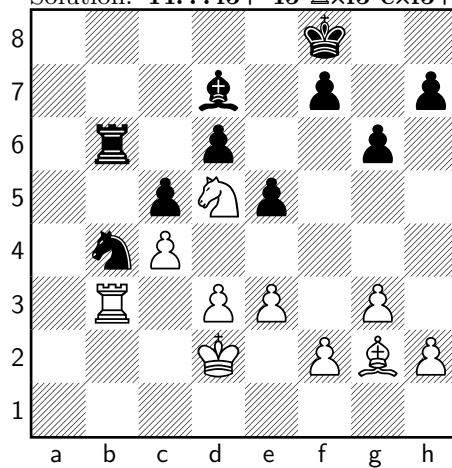
White to move.

Solution: 31 ♜e6+ ♚x6 32 ♜xe6+



Black to move.

Solution: 44... ♜f5+ 45 ♜xf5 exf5+



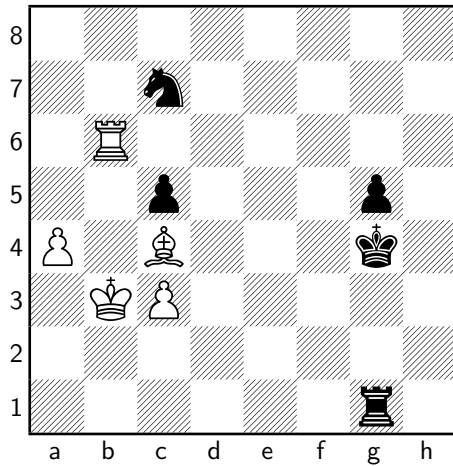
Black to move.

Solution: 36... ♖xd5 37 ♜xb6 ♖xb6



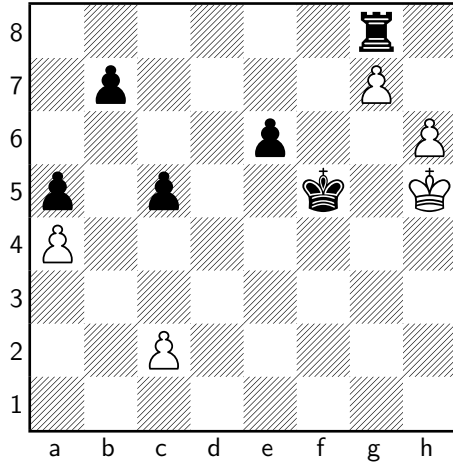
## 2.31 Master vs Master games

Puzzles from games between two titled players.



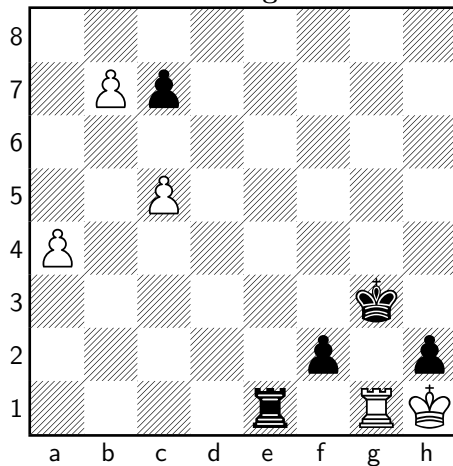
Black to move.

Solution: 55... ♖b1+ 56 ♛c2 ♖xb6



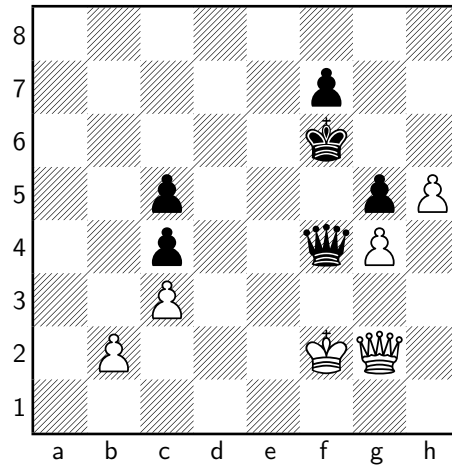
White to move.

Solution: 47 h7 ♖xg7 48 h8♖



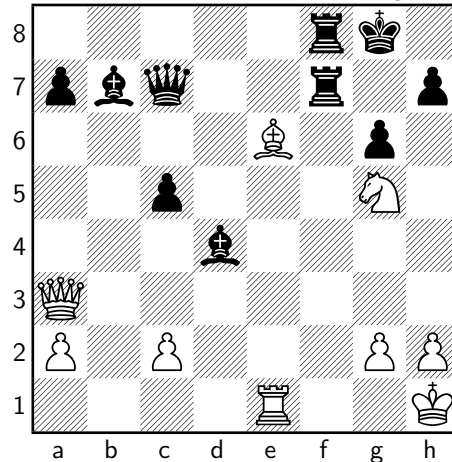
Black to move.

Solution: 52... h×g1♖#



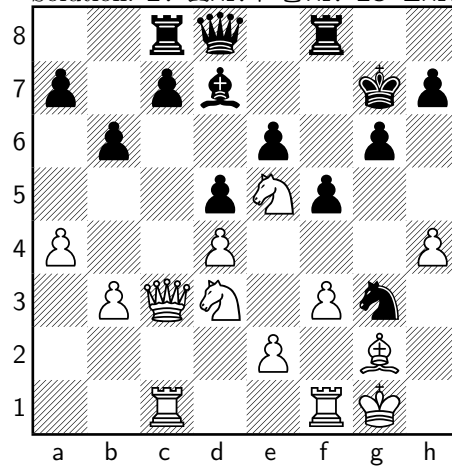
White to move.

Solution: 43 ♕f3 ♖×f3+ 44 ♛×f3



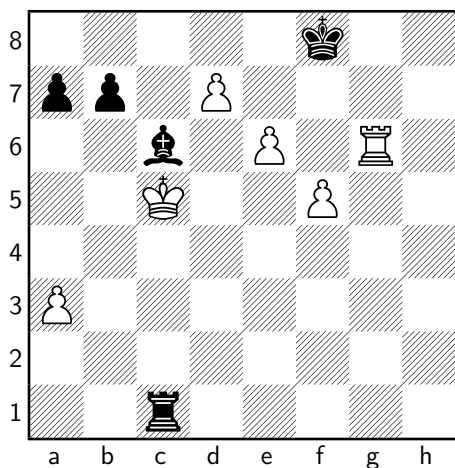
White to move.

Solution: 27 ♕×f7+ ♖×f7 28 ♜×f7



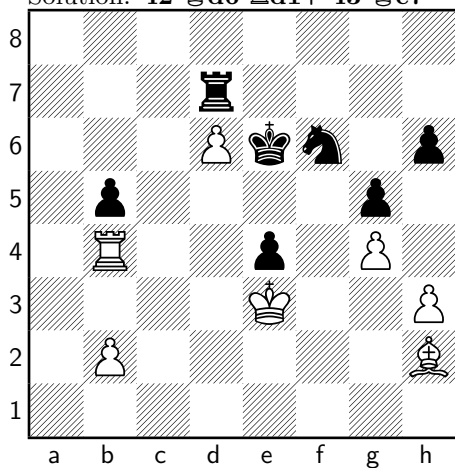
Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♜×e2+ 23 ♛f2 ♜×c3



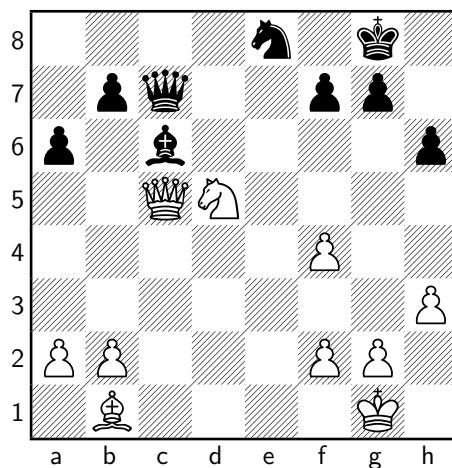
White to move.

Solution: 42 ♕d6 ♖d1+ 43 ♕c7



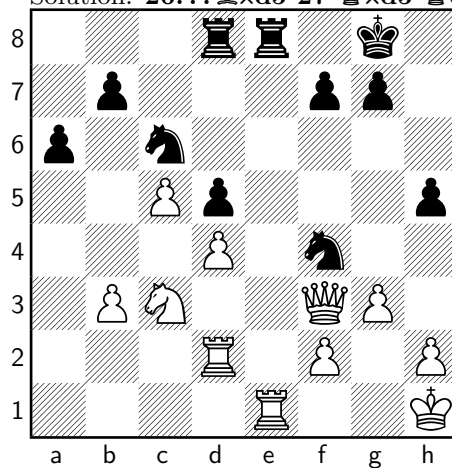
Black to move.

Solution: 36... ♖d5+ 37 ♕xe4 ♖xb4



Black to move.

Solution: 26... ♕xd5 27 ♖xd5 ♖c1+

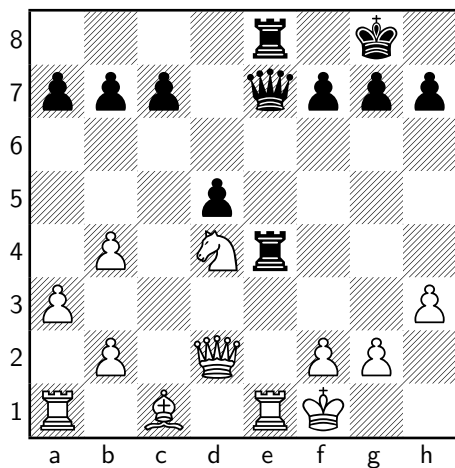


Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♖xe1#

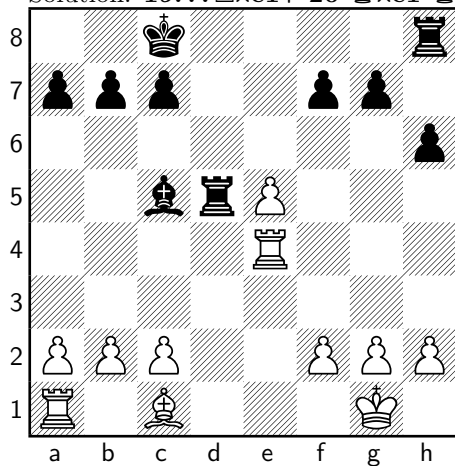
## 2.32 Checkmate

Win the game with style.



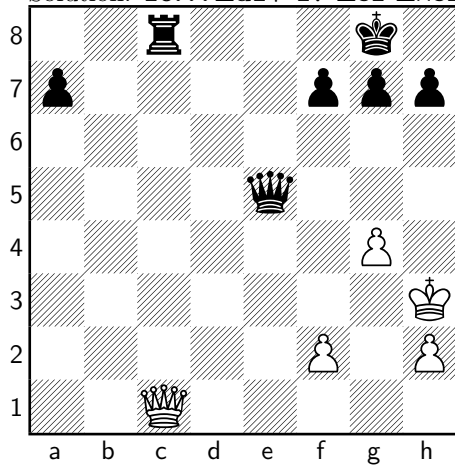
Black to move.

Solution: 19... ♖xe1+ 20 ♙xe1 ♙xe1#



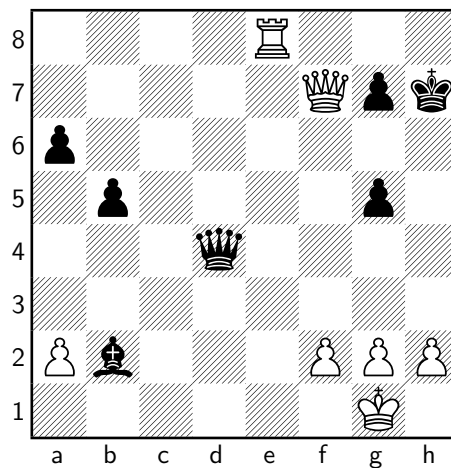
Black to move.

Solution: 16... ♖d1+ 17 ♖e1 ♖xe1#



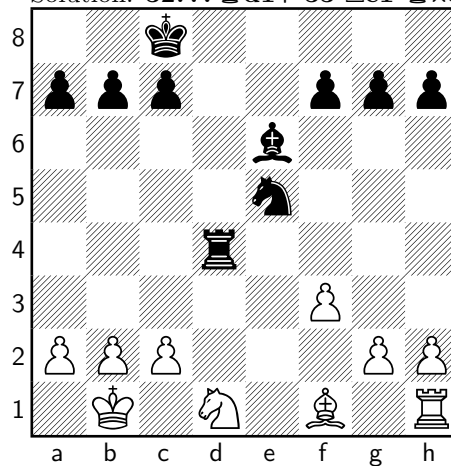
White to move.

Solution: 36 ♙xc8+ ♙e8 37 ♙xe8#



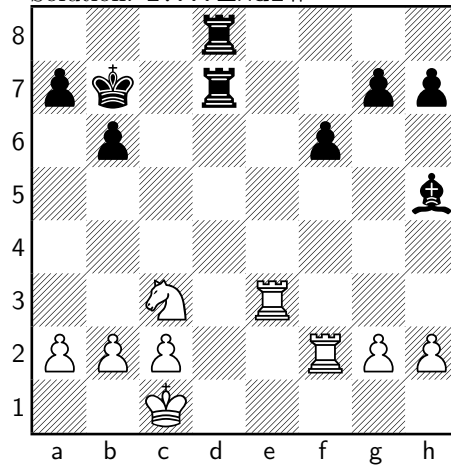
Black to move.

Solution: 32... ♙d1+ 33 ♖e1 ♙xe1#



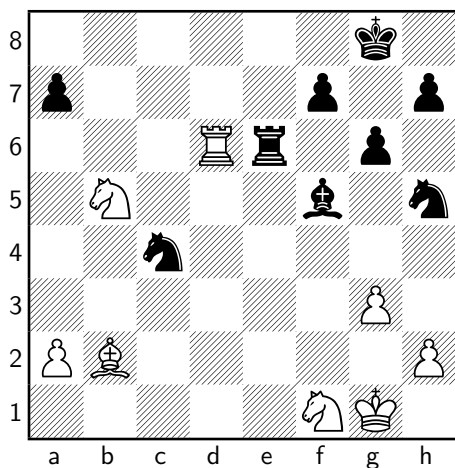
Black to move.

Solution: 17... ♖xd1#



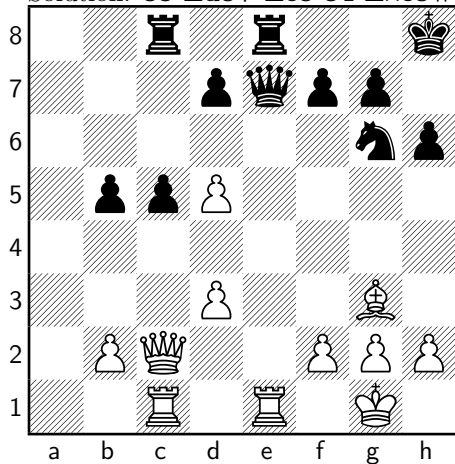
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♖d1+ 31 ♘xd1 ♖xd1#



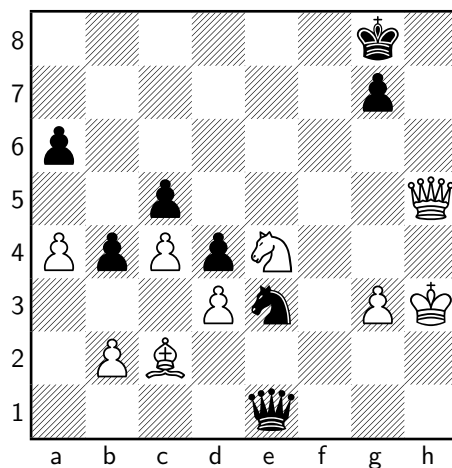
White to move.

Solution: 33 ♖d8+ ♜e8 34 ♖xe8#



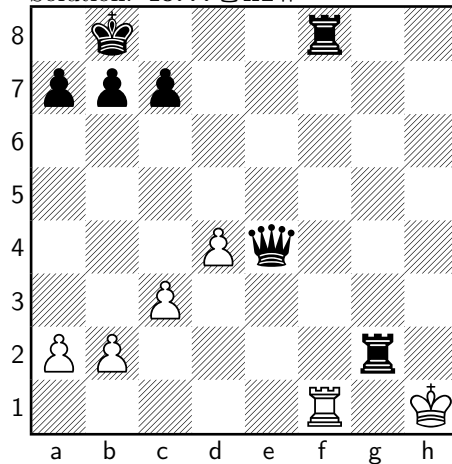
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♜xe1+ 22 ♖xe1 ♜xe1#



Black to move.

Solution: 40... ♜h1#

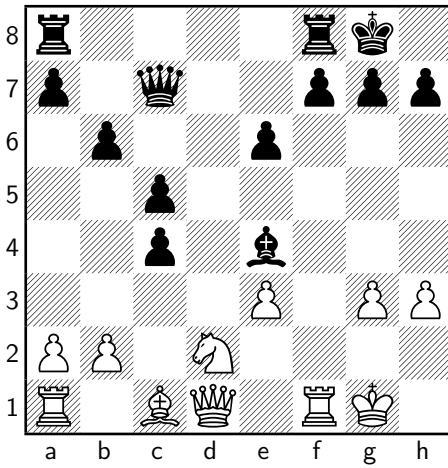


White to move.

Solution: 45 ♖xf8+ ♜e8 46 ♖xe8#

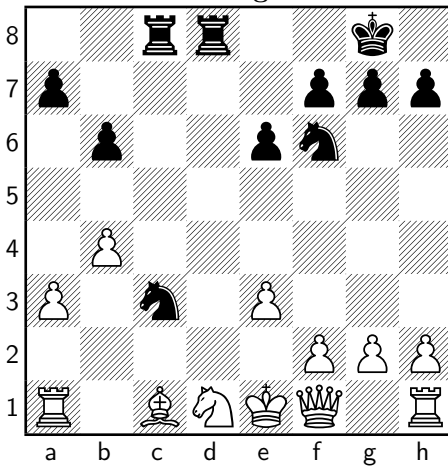
## 2.33 Mate in 1

Deliver checkmate in one move.



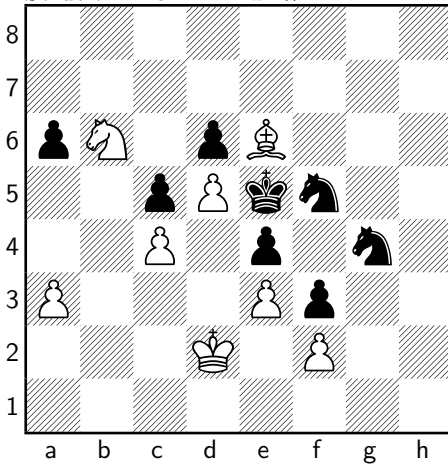
Black to move.

Solution: 18... ♕xg3#



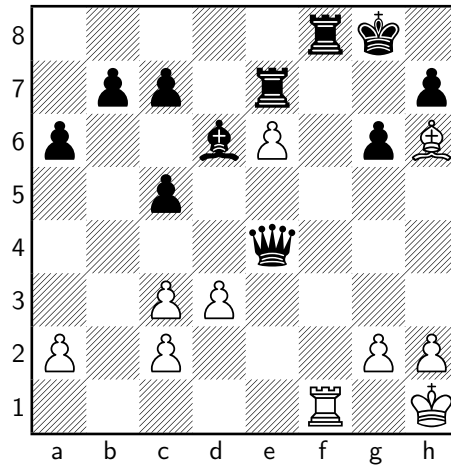
Black to move.

Solution: 19... ♕xd1#



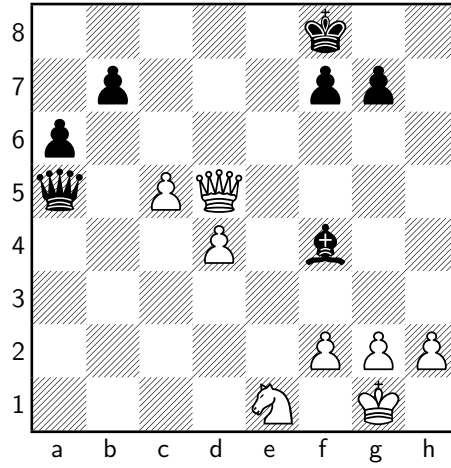
White to move.

Solution: 48 ♕d7#



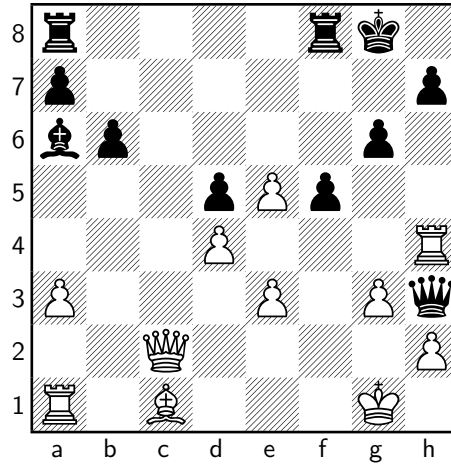
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♕xf8#



Black to move.

Solution: 31... ♕xe1#



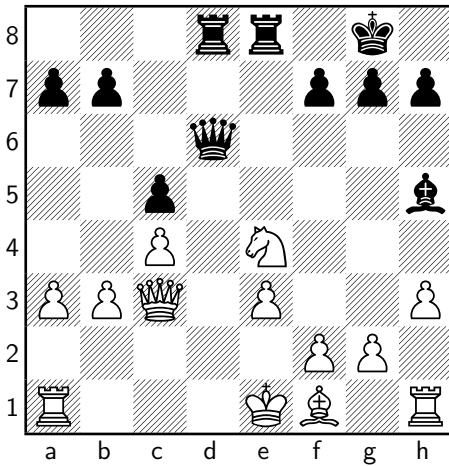
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♕f1#



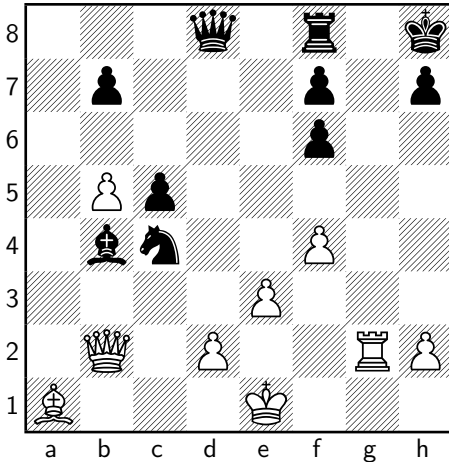
## 2.34 Mate in 2

Deliver checkmate in two moves.



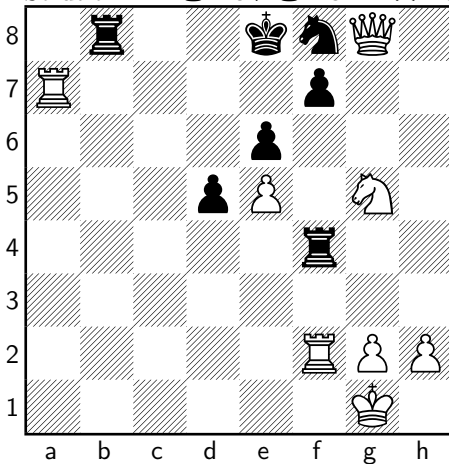
Black to move.

Solution: 24... ♔d1+ 25 ♚x d1 ♜x d1#



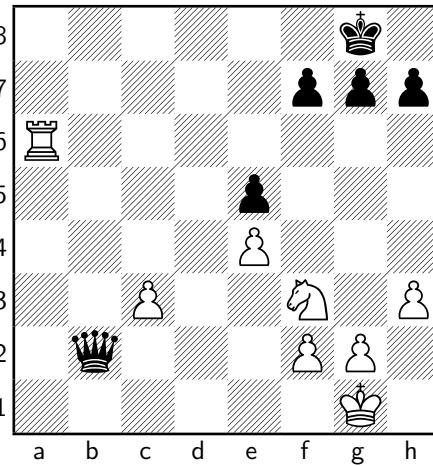
White to move.

Solution: 21 ♜x f6+ ♜x f6 22 ♜x f6#



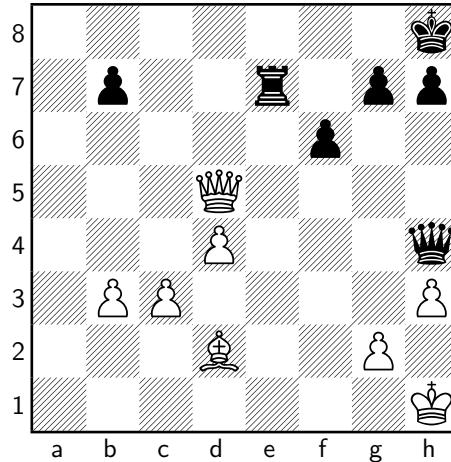
Black to move.

Solution: 32... ♜b1+ 33 ♜f1 ♜bxf1#



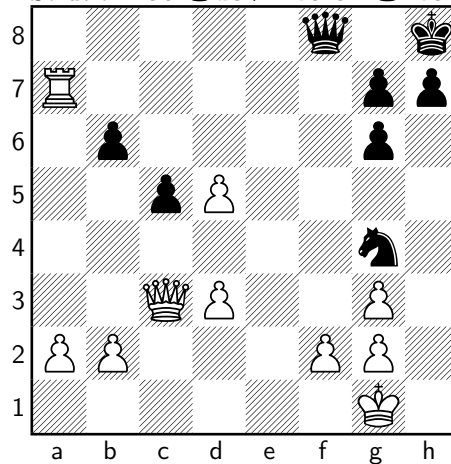
White to move.

Solution: 31 ♜a8+ ♜b8 32 ♜x b8#



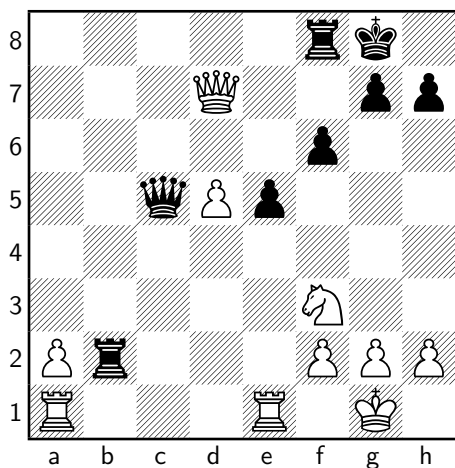
White to move.

Solution: 30 ♜d8+ ♜e8 31 ♜xe8#



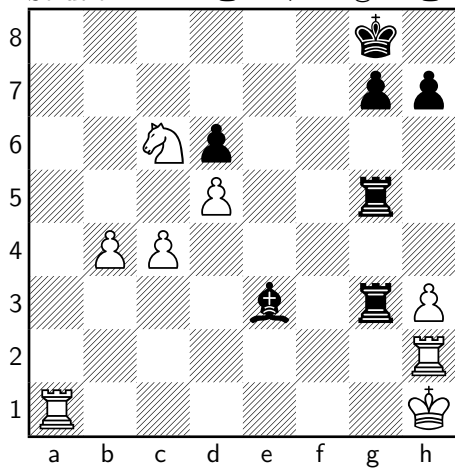
Black to move.

Solution: 26... ♜x f2+ 27 ♔h1 ♜f1#



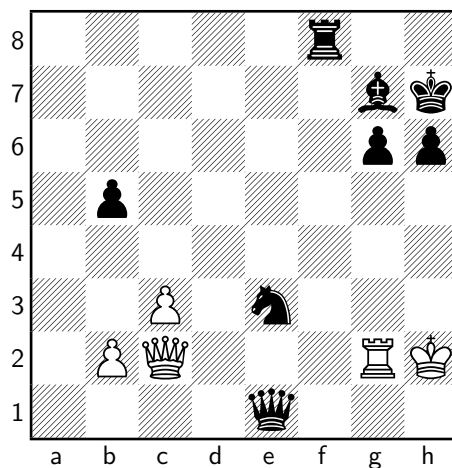
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♖xf2+ 22 ♔h1 ♗xg2#



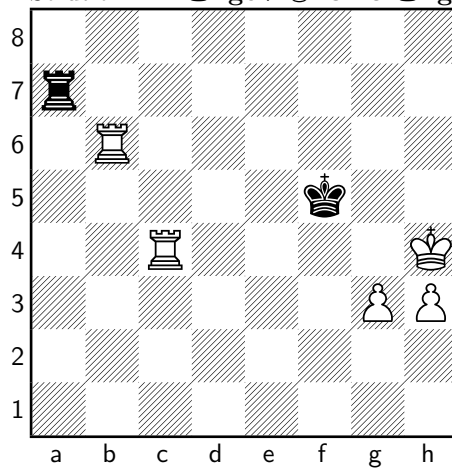
Black to move.

Solution: 37... ♜g1+ 38 ♜xg1 ♜xg1#



White to move.

Solution: 42 ♗xg6+ ♔h8 43 ♗xg7#



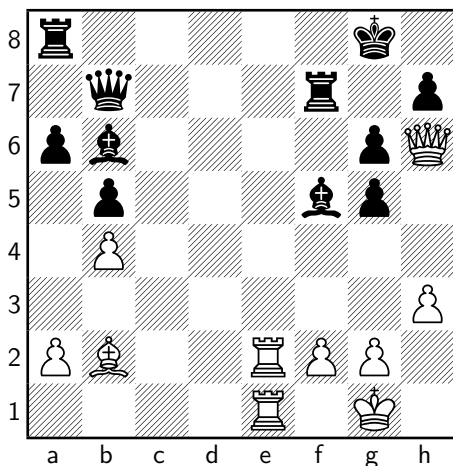
Black to move.

Solution: 48... ♜h7+ 49 ♜h6 ♜xh6#



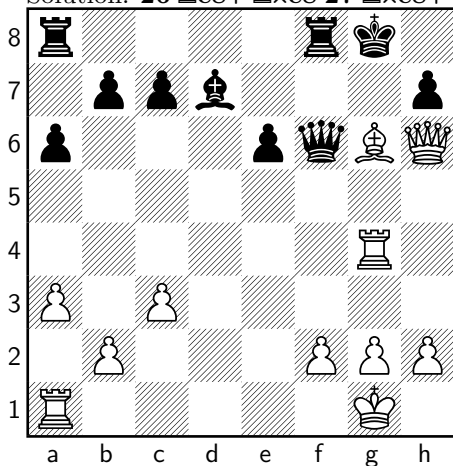
## 2.35 Mate in 3

Deliver checkmate in three moves.



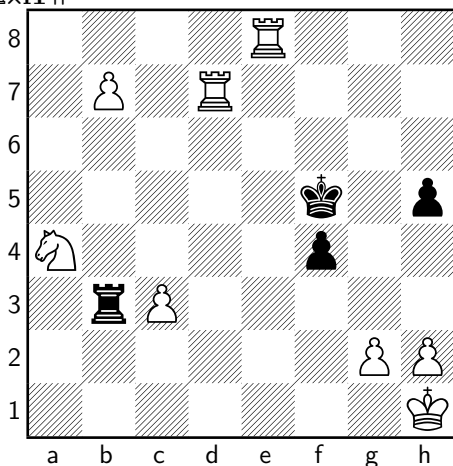
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♖e8+ ♜xe8 27 ♜xe8+ ♜f8 28 ♜xf8#



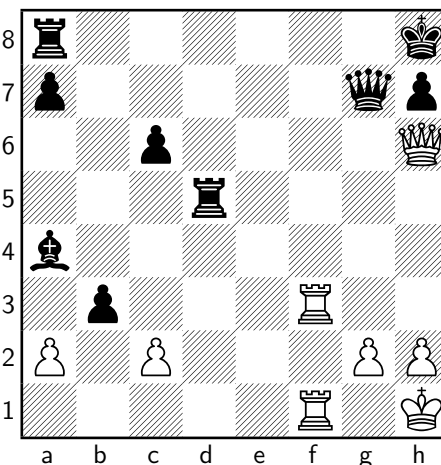
Black to move.

Solution: 20... ♜xf2+ 21 ♔h1 ♜f1+ 22 ♜xf1 ♜xf1#



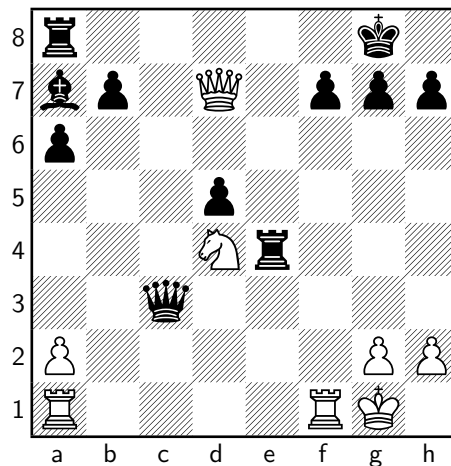
Black to move.

Solution: 56... ♜b1+ 57 ♜d1 ♜xd1+ 58 ♜e1 ♜xe1#



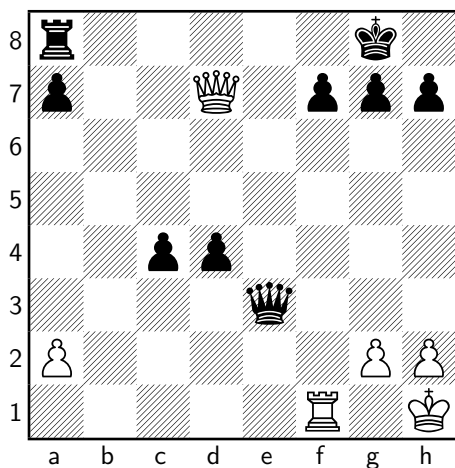
White to move.

Solution: 28 ♜f8+ ♜xf8 29 ♜xf8+ ♜xf8 30 ♜xf8#



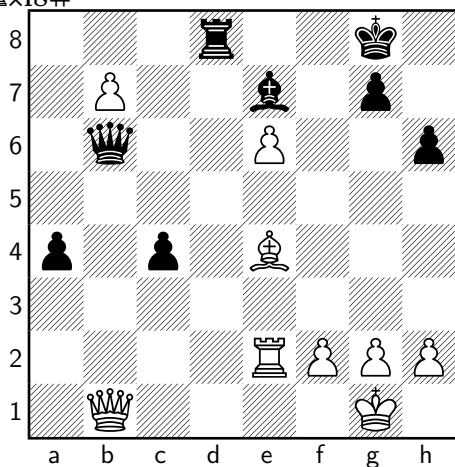
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♜xf7+ ♔h8 24 ♜f8+ ♜xf8 25 ♜xf8#



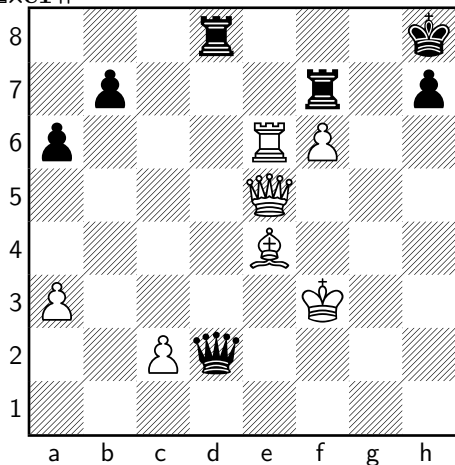
White to move.

Solution: 25 ♔×f7+ ♚h8 26 ♔f8+ ♜×f8 27 ♜×f8#



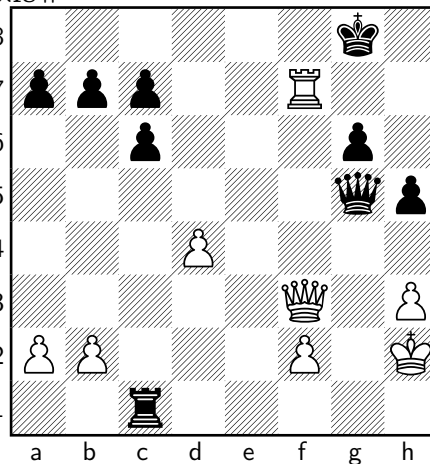
Black to move.

Solution: 38... ♔×b1+ 39 ♜×b1 ♜d1+ 40 ♜e1 ♜×e1#



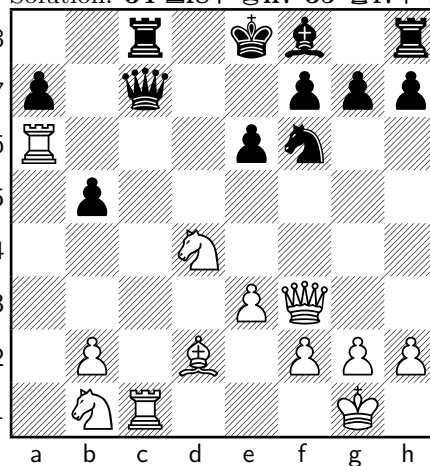
White to move.

Solution: 42 ♜e8+ ♜×e8 43 ♔×e8+ ♜f8 44 ♔×f8#



White to move.

Solution: 34 ♜f8+ ♚h7 35 ♔f7+ ♚h6 36 ♜h8#

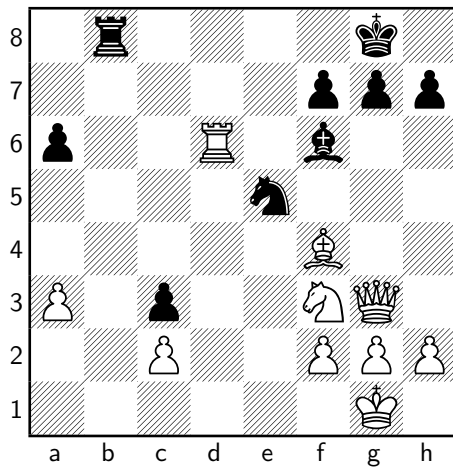


Black to move.

Solution: 14... ♔×c1+ 15 ♜×c1 ♜×c1+ 16 ♔d1 ♜×d1#

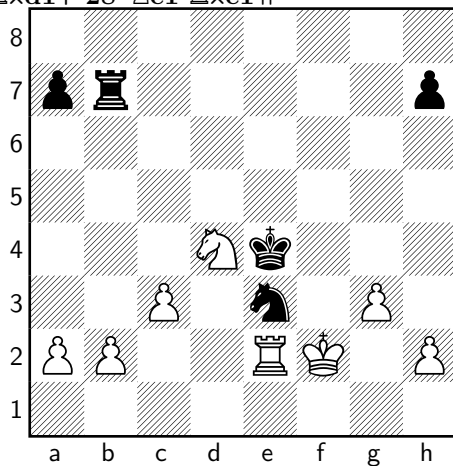
## 2.36 Mate in 4

Deliver checkmate in four moves.

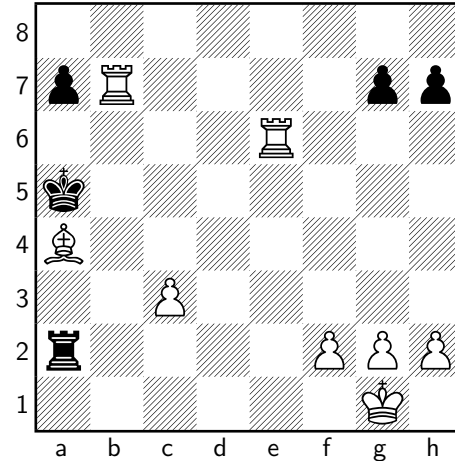


Black to move.

Solution: 25... ♖b1+ 26 ♙c1 ♜xc1+ 27 ♜d1 ♜xd1+ 28 ♙e1 ♜xe1#



Black to move.  
Solution: 37... ♜f7+ 38 ♘f5 ♜xf5+ 39 ♙e1 ♜f1+ 40 ♙d2 ♜d1#

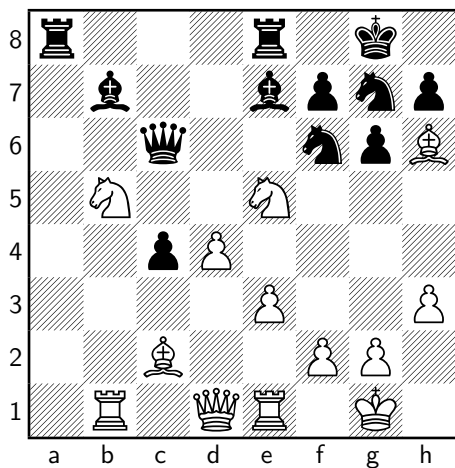


Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♜a1+ 31 ♜b1 ♜xb1+ 32 ♙d1 ♜xd1+ 33 ♙e1 ♜xe1#

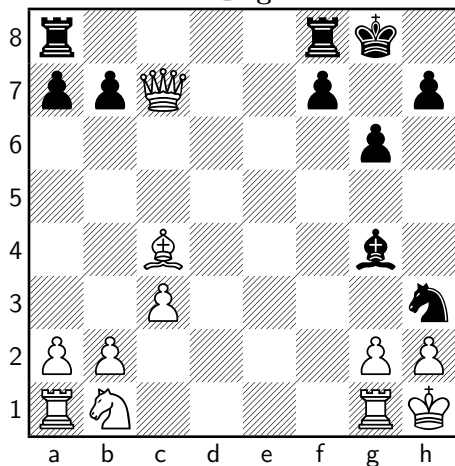
## 2.37 Middlegame

A tactic during the second phase of the game.



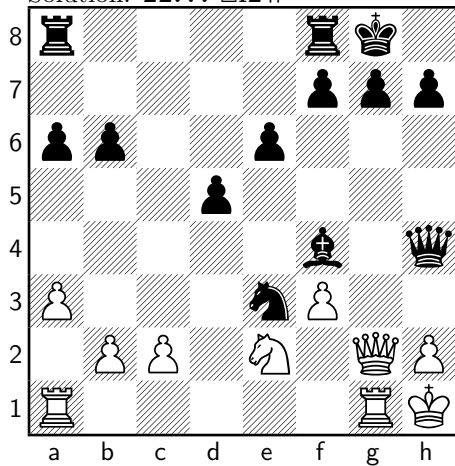
Black to move.

Solution: 24... ♜xg2#



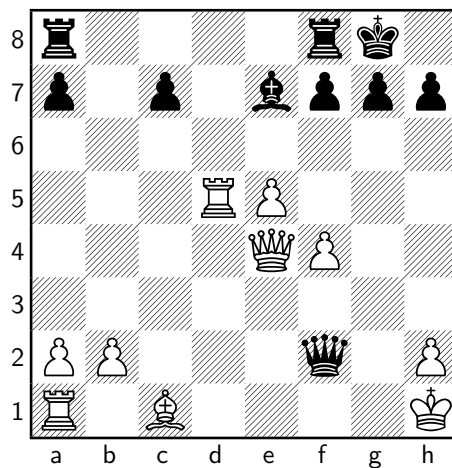
Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♜f2#



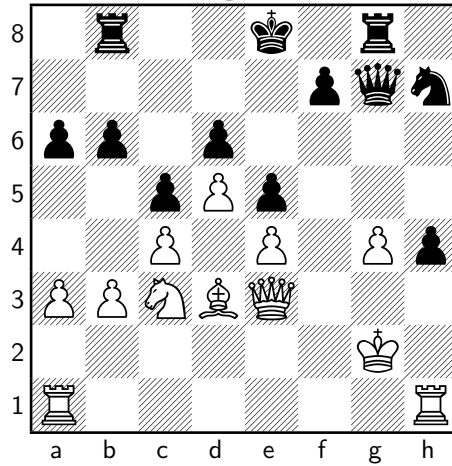
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♖xg7#



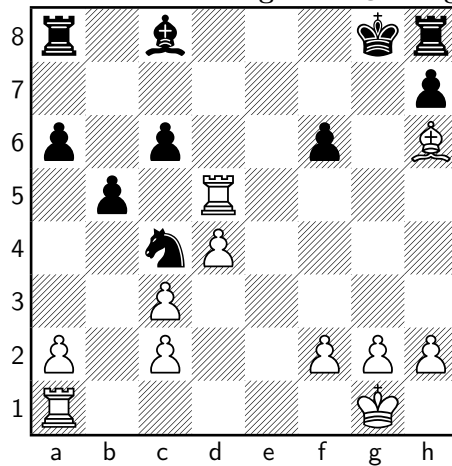
Black to move.

Solution: 21... ♜f1#



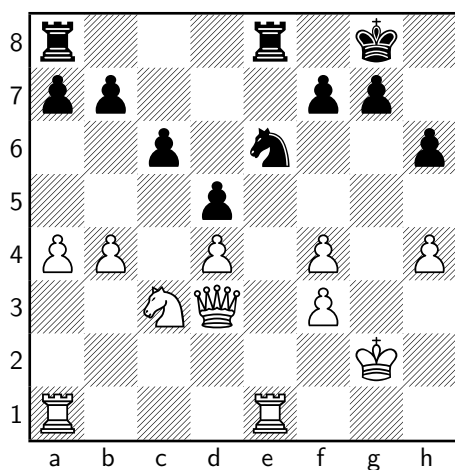
Black to move.

Solution: 33... ♜xg4+ 34 ♜f2 ♜g2+



White to move.

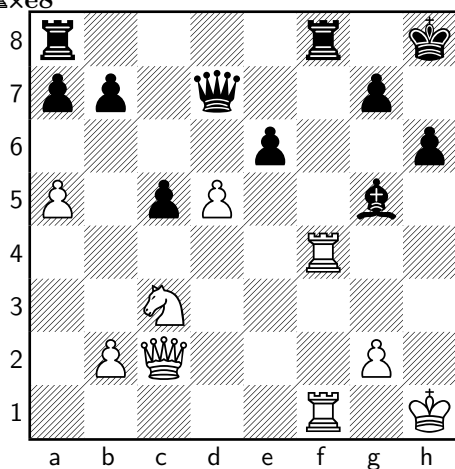
Solution: 18 ♜d8+ ♜f7 19 ♜xh8



Black to move.

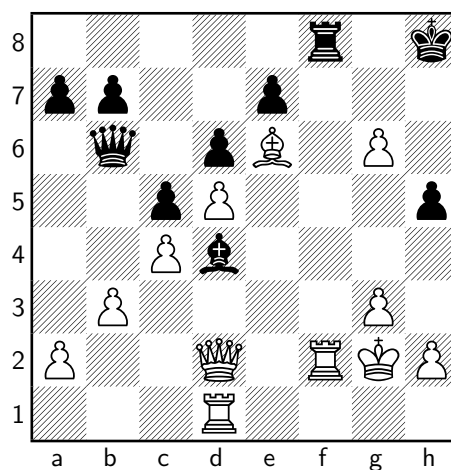
Solution: 25... ♖xf4+ 26 ♔g3 ♖xd3 27 ♖xe8+

♖xe8



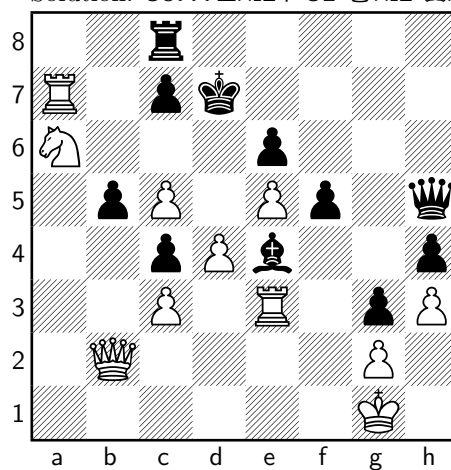
White to move.

Solution: 33 ♖xf8+ ♖xf8 34 ♖xf8#



Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♖xf2+ 31 ♔xf2 ♖xf2

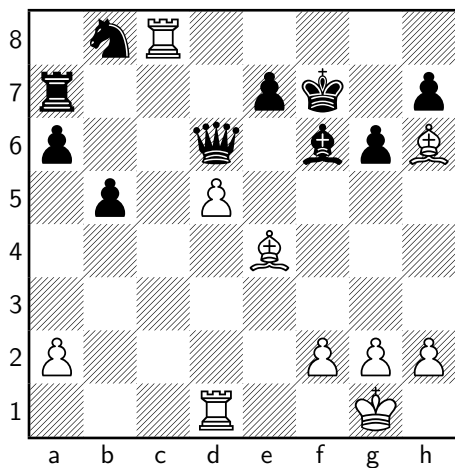


Black to move.

Solution: 36... ♔d1+ 37 ♖e1 ♔xe1#

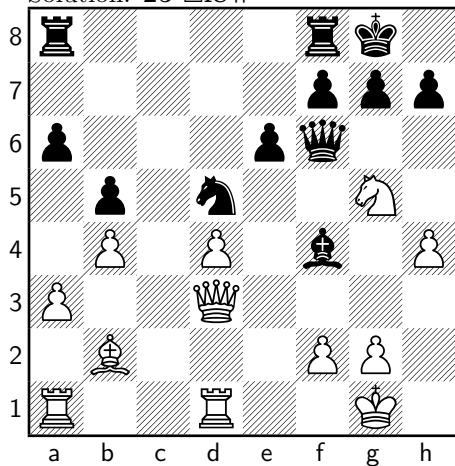
## 2.38 One-move puzzle

A puzzle that is only one move long.



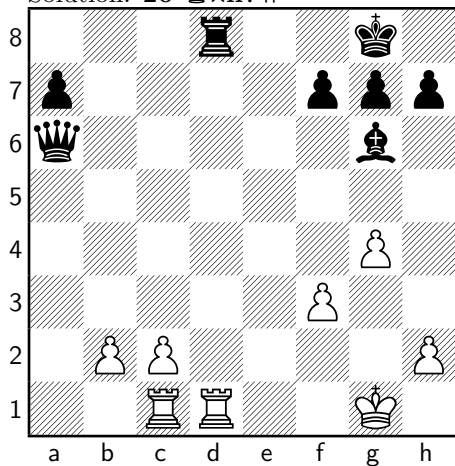
White to move.

Solution: 25 ♖f8#



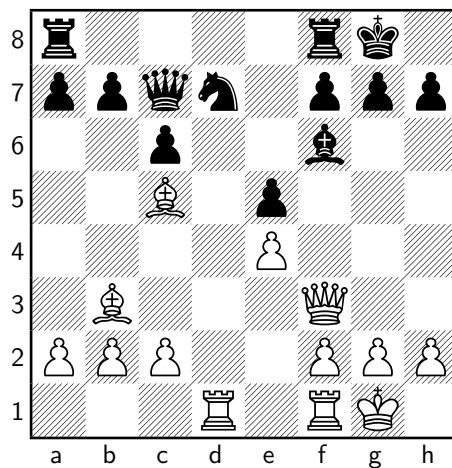
White to move.

Solution: 20 ♙xh7#



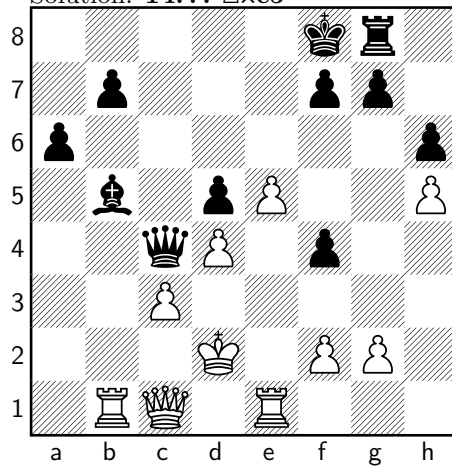
White to move.

Solution: 31 ♜xh8#



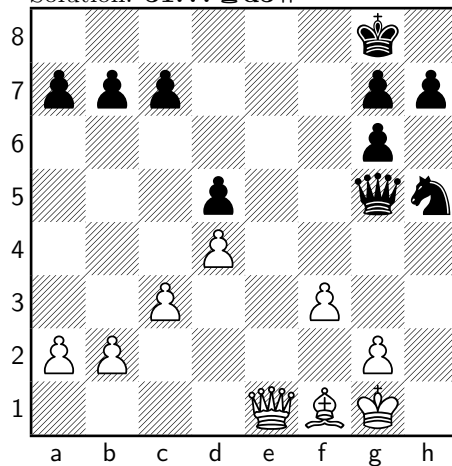
Black to move.

Solution: 14... ♗xc5



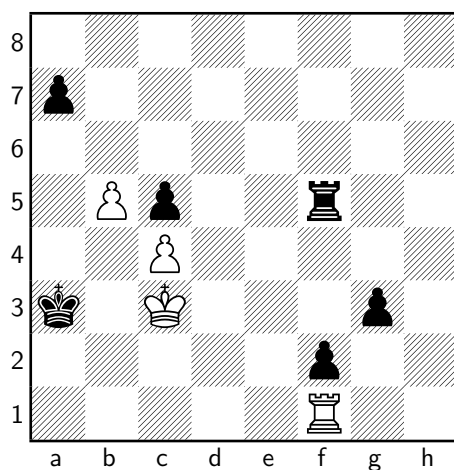
Black to move.

Solution: 31... ♙d3#



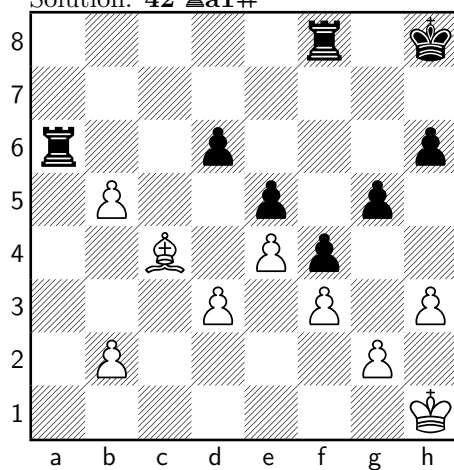
White to move.

Solution: 29 ♙e8#



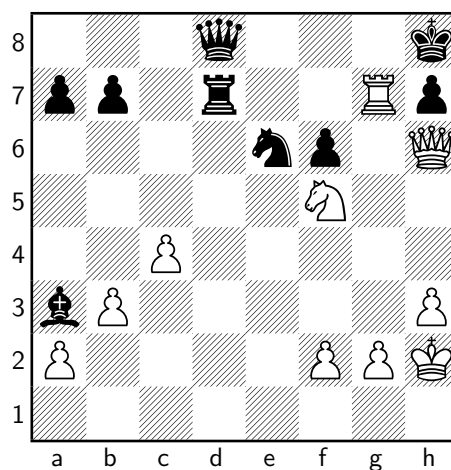
White to move.

Solution: 42 ♖a1#



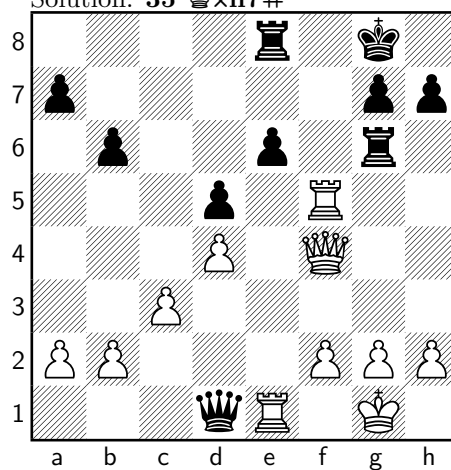
White to move.

Solution: 36 bxa6



White to move.

Solution: 35 ♙xh7#

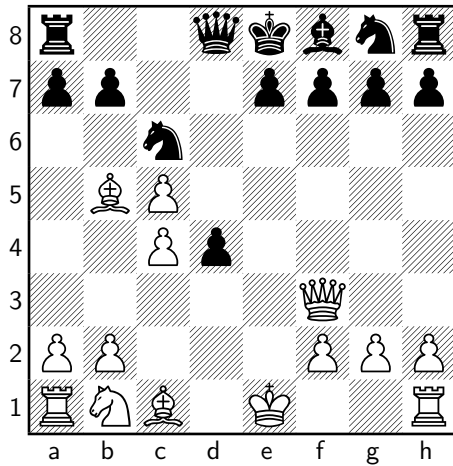


Black to move.

Solution: 25... ♜xe1#

## 2.39 Opening

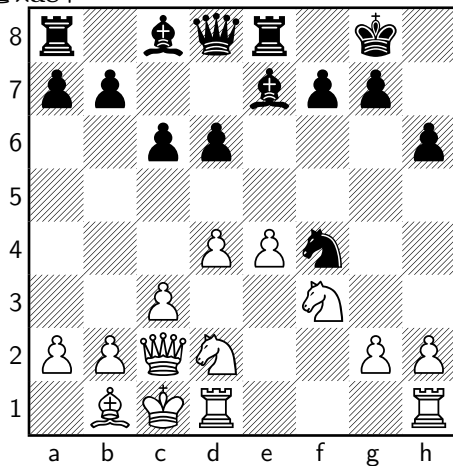
A tactic during the first phase of the game.



White to move.

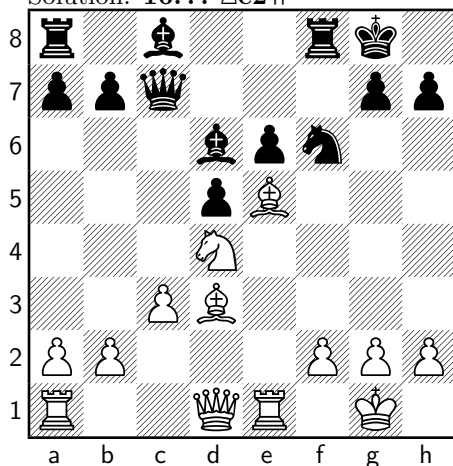
Solution: 10 ♖xc6+ bxc6 11 ♜xc6+ ♜d7 12

♜xa8+



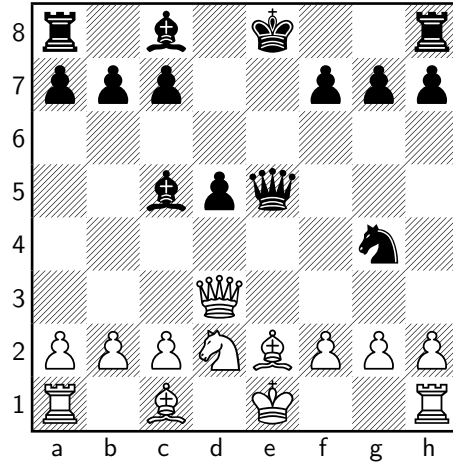
Black to move.

Solution: 16... ♘e2#



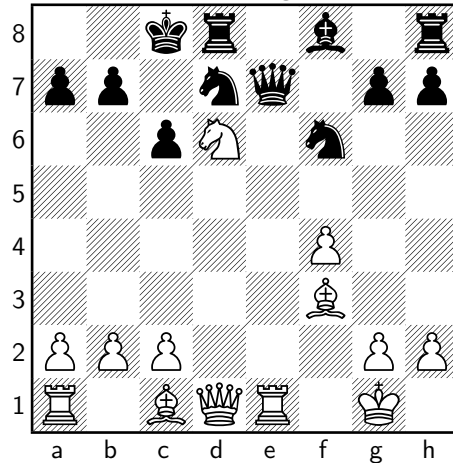
Black to move.

Solution: 15... ♙xe5 16 ♚xe5 ♙xe5



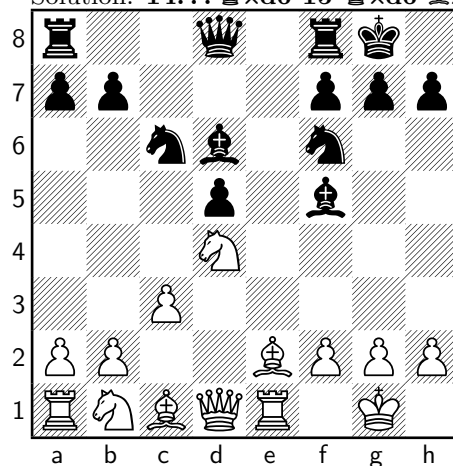
White to move.

Solution: 11 ♜b5+ ♙d8 12 ♜xc5



Black to move.

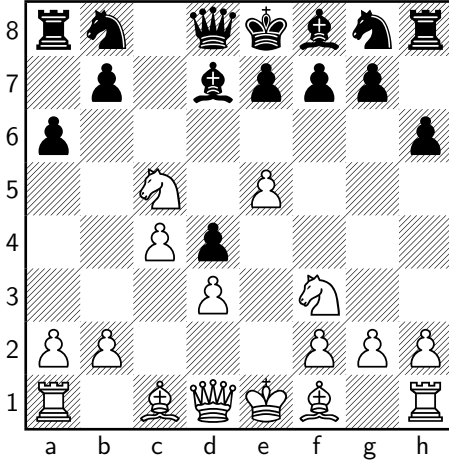
Solution: 14... ♜xd6 15 ♜xd6 ♙xd6



White to move.

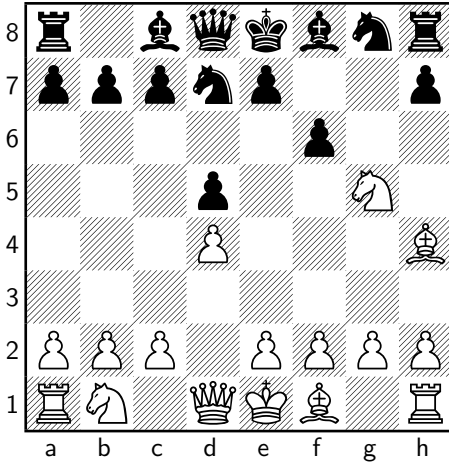


Solution: 11 ♖×f5



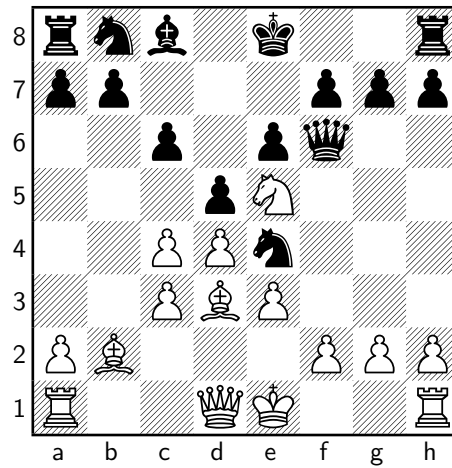
Black to move.

Solution: 8... ♖a5+ 9 ♘d2 ♖xc5



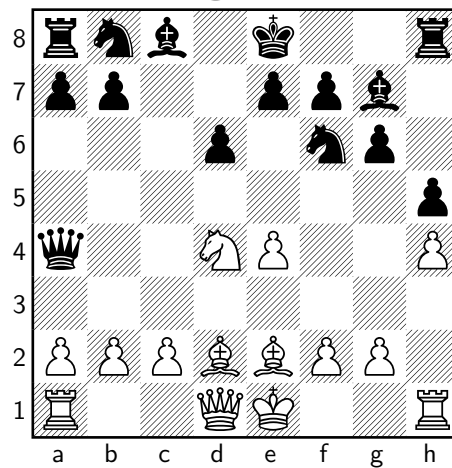
Black to move.

Solution: 5... f×g5



Black to move.

Solution: 9... ♖×f2#

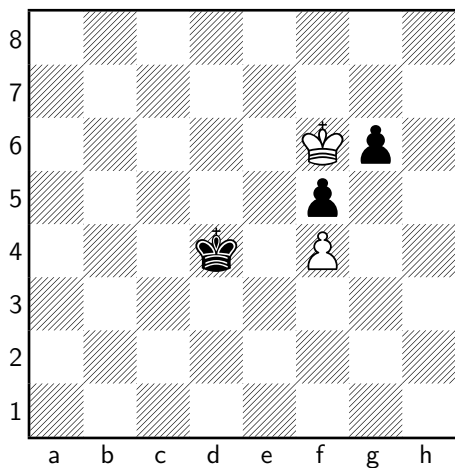


White to move.

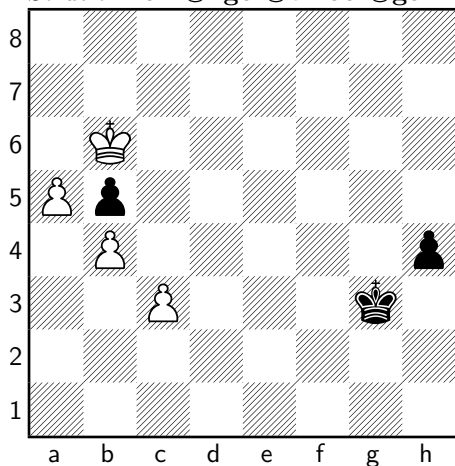
Solution: 11 ♘b5+ ♘d7 12 ♘xa4

## 2.40 Pawn endgame

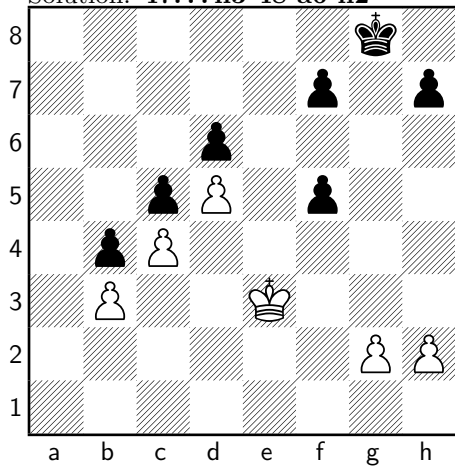
An endgame with only pawns.



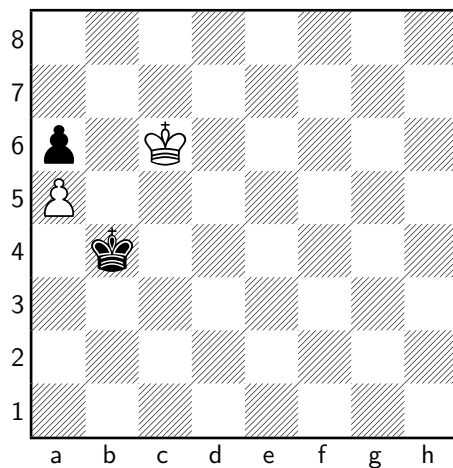
Solution: 54 ♔xg6 ♕e4 55 ♕g5



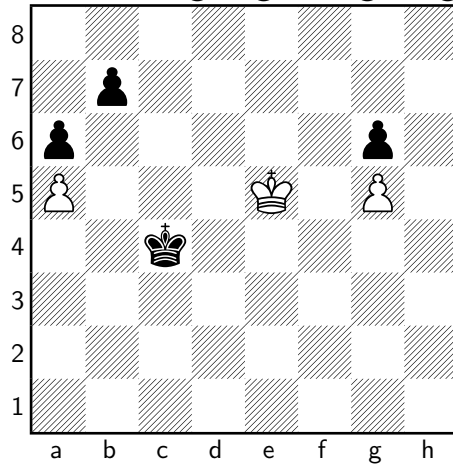
Solution: 47... h3 48 a6 h2



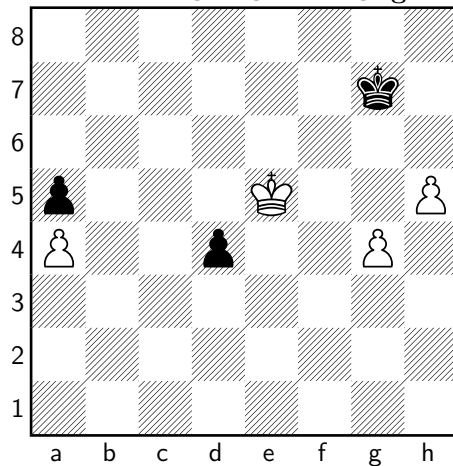
Solution: 31 ♕f4



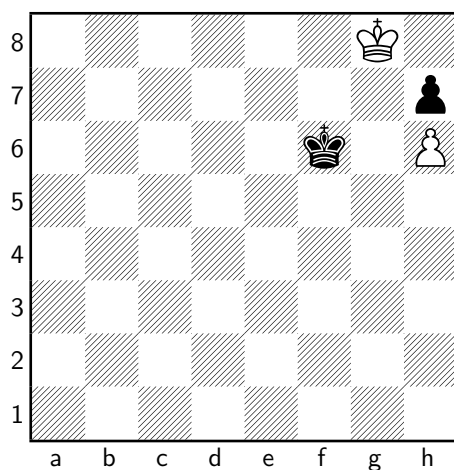
Solution: 46 ♖b6 ♕c4 47 ♖xa6 ♖c5 48 ♖b7



Solution: 41 ♖f6 ♖d5 42 ♔xg6

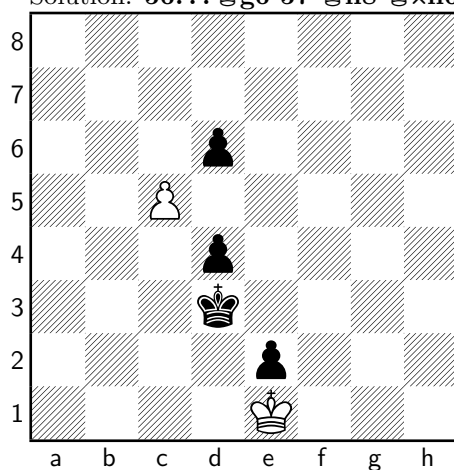


Solution: 72... d3 73 ♖d4 d2



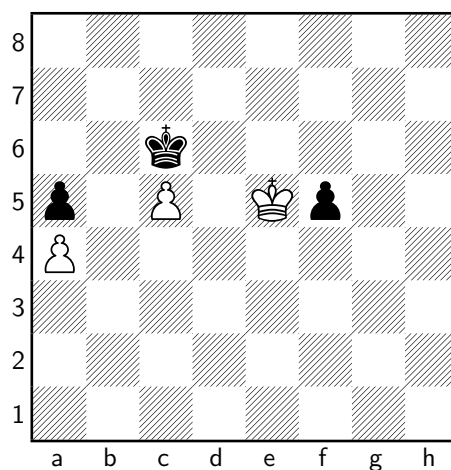
Black to move.

Solution: 56... ♖g6 57 ♜h8 ♜xh6 58 ♜g8 ♜g6



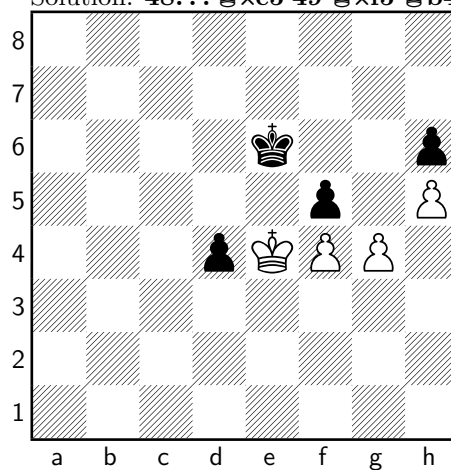
White to move.

Solution: 57 cxd6 ♜c2 58 d7



Black to move.

Solution: 48... ♜xc5 49 ♜xf5 ♜b4 50 ♜f4 ♜xa4

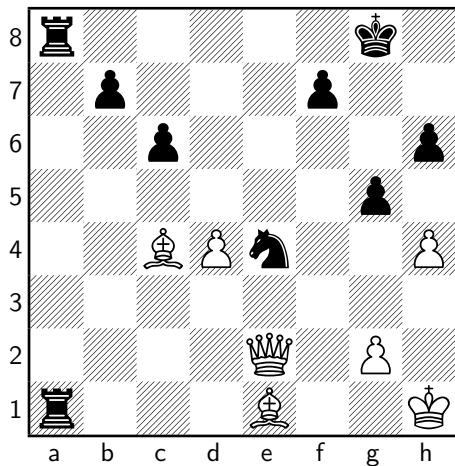


White to move.

Solution: 50 gxf5+ ♜f6 51 ♜xd4 ♜xf5 52 ♜e3

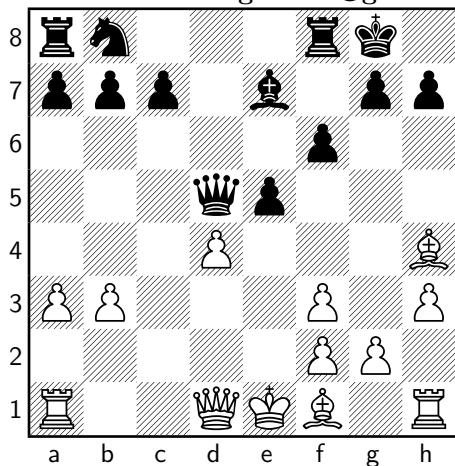
## 2.41 Pin

A tactic involving pins, where a piece is unable to move without revealing an attack on a higher value piece.



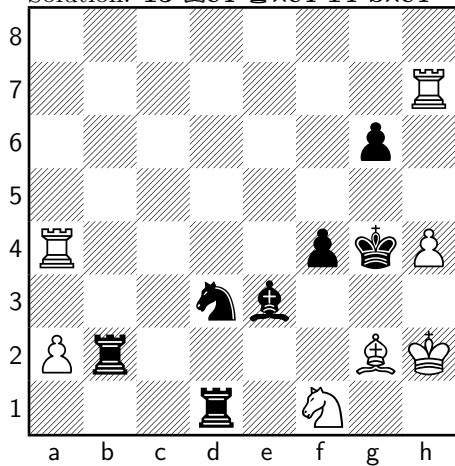
Black to move.

Solution: 33... ♖g3+ 34 ♔g1 ♜xe2+



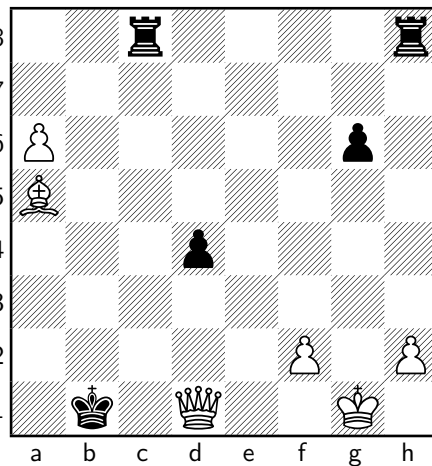
White to move.

Solution: 13 ♖c4 ♜xc4 14 bxc4



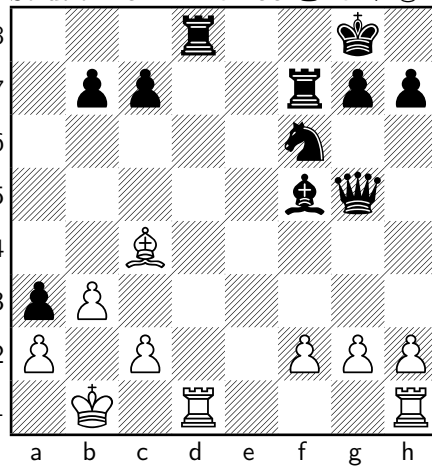
White to move.

Solution: 39 ♜xe3#



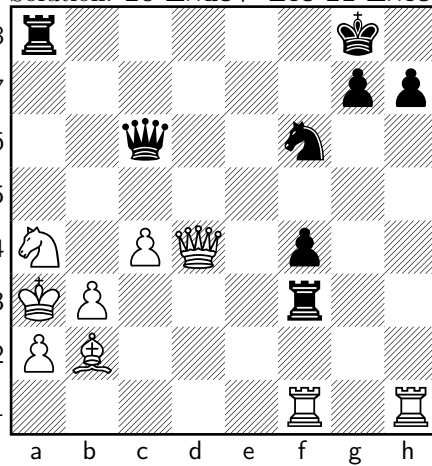
Black to move.

Solution: 54... ♜c1 55 ♜xc1+ ♔xc1



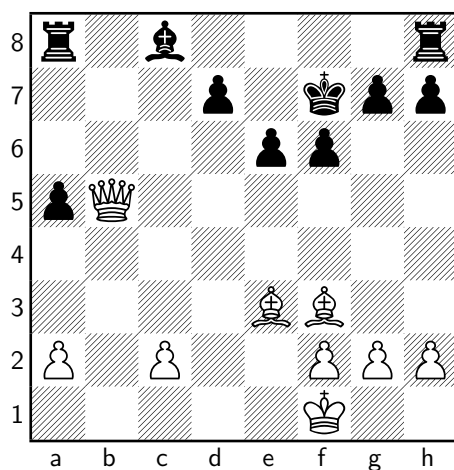
White to move.

Solution: 20 ♜xd8+ ♜e8 21 ♜xe8#



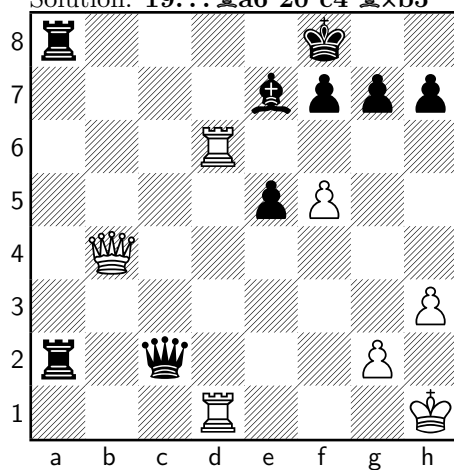
Black to move.

Solution: 39... ♜xa4#



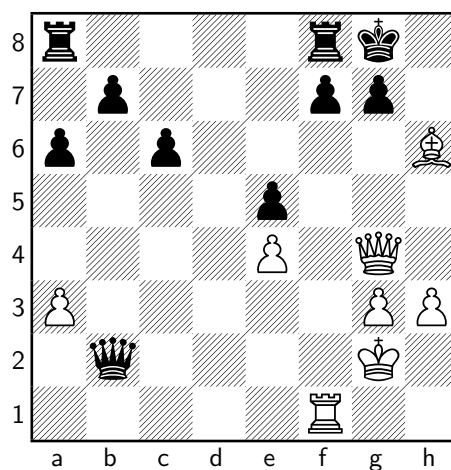
Black to move.

Solution: 19... ♖a6 20 c4 ♗xb5



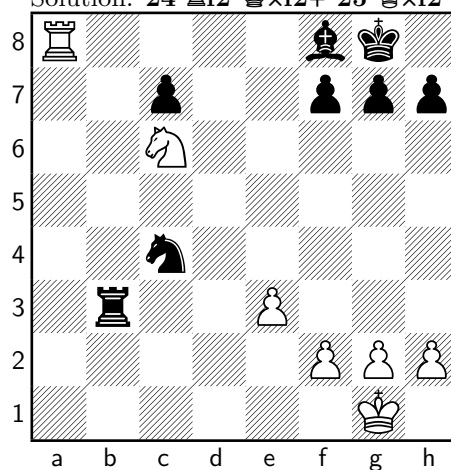
White to move.

Solution: 25 ♖d8+ ♗xd8 26 ♖xd8#



White to move.

Solution: 24 ♖f2 ♗xf2+ 25 ♗xf2

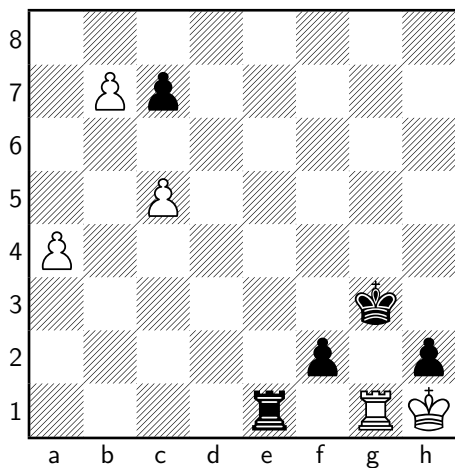


White to move.

Solution: 24 ♖e7+ ♗h8 25 ♖xf8#

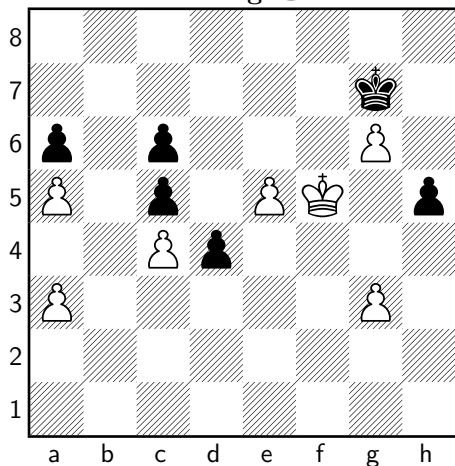
## 2.42 Promotion

Promote one of your pawn to a queen or minor piece.



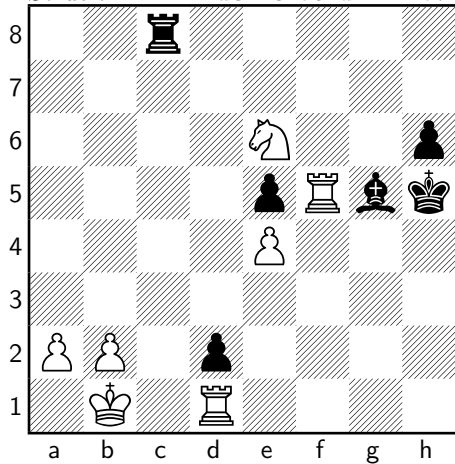
Black to move.

Solution: 52... h×g1 ♖♙♯



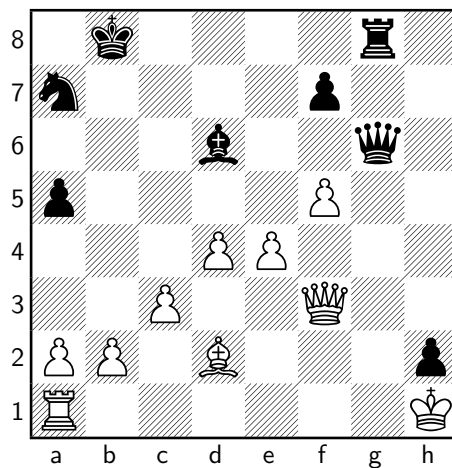
Black to move.

Solution: 42... d3 43 e6 d2 44 e7 d1 ♖



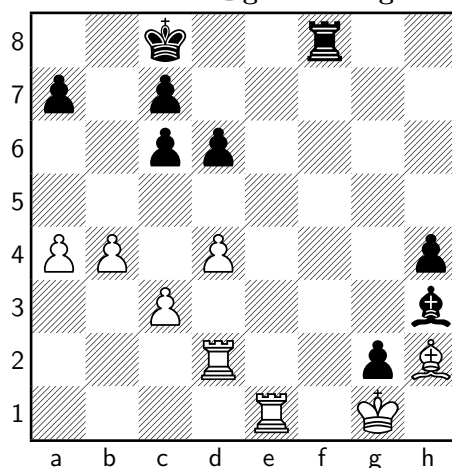
Black to move.

Solution: 39... ♖c1+ 40 ♖×c1 d×c1 ♖♙♯



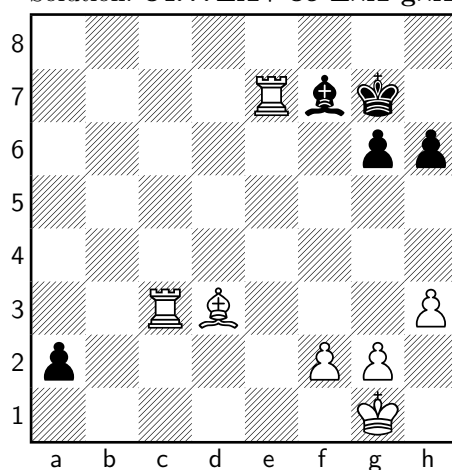
Black to move.

Solution: 36... ♖g1+ 37 ♖×g1 h×g1 ♖♙♯



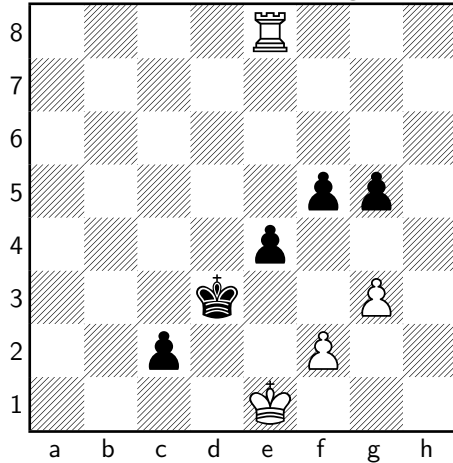
Black to move.

Solution: 34... ♖f1+ 35 ♖×f1 g×f1 ♖♙♯



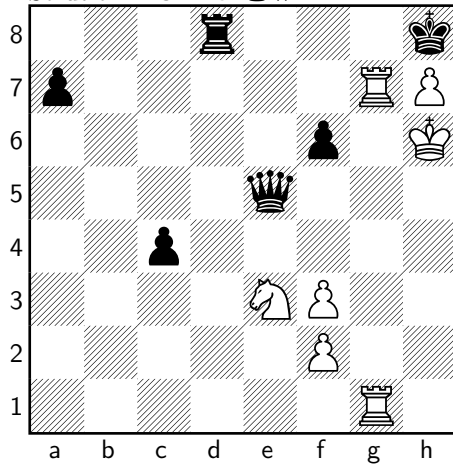
Black to move.

Solution: 52...a1♖+ 53 ♔h2 ♖×c3



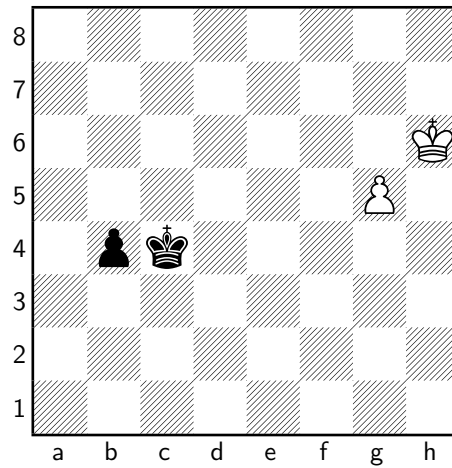
Black to move.

Solution: 48...c1♖♯



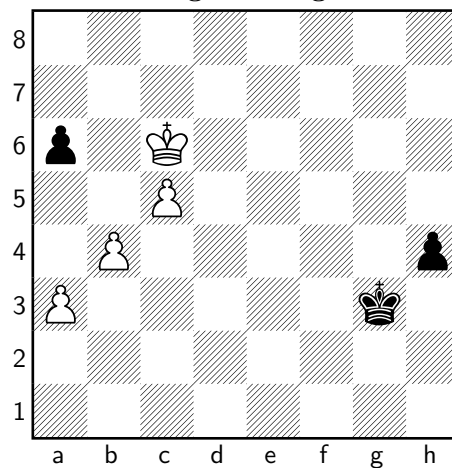
White to move.

Solution: 40 ♖g8+ ♖×g8 41 h×g8♖♯



White to move.

Solution: 56 g6 b3 57 g7 ♖c3 58 g8♖

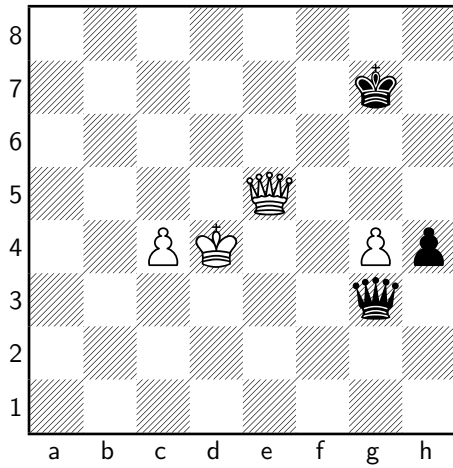


Black to move.

Solution: 44...h3 45 ♖d7 h2 46 c6 h1♖

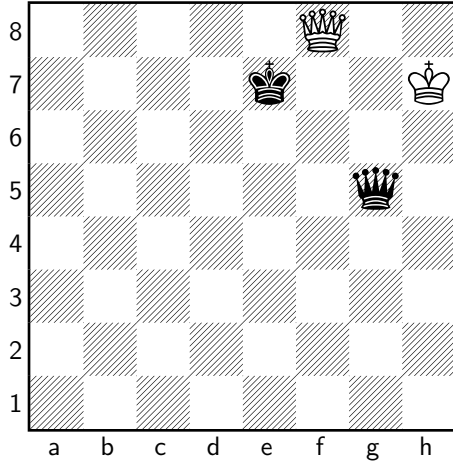
## 2.43 Queen endgame

An endgame with only queens and pawns.



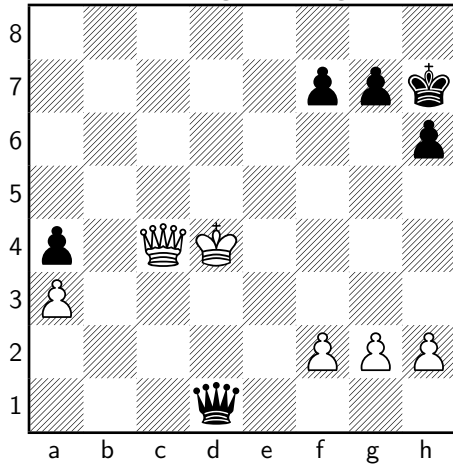
Black to move.

Solution: 71... ♕xe5+ 72 ♖xe5 h3



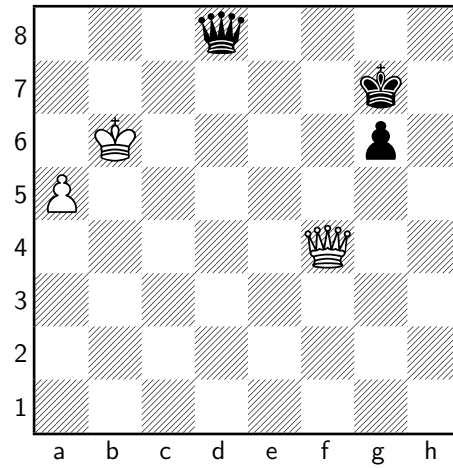
Black to move.

Solution: 60... ♕xf8 61 ♖h8 ♕h4#



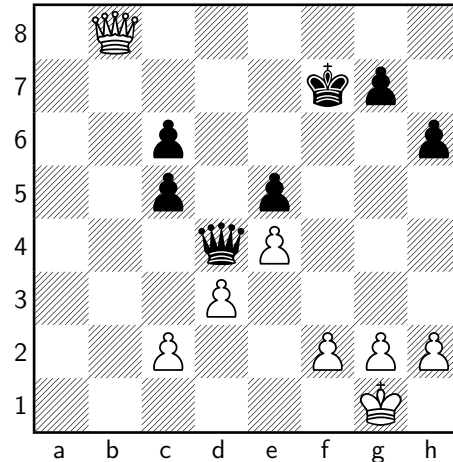
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♕d3+ ♕xd3+ 36 ♖xd3



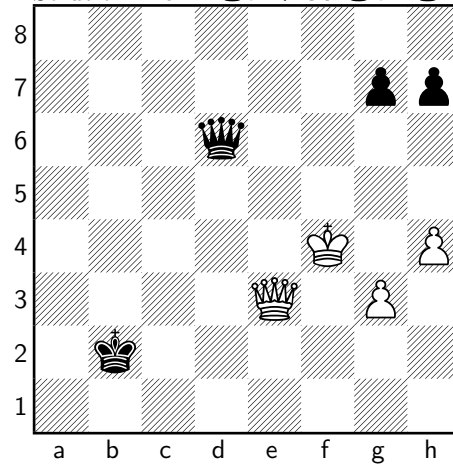
White to move.

Solution: 76 ♕c7+ ♕xc7+ 77 ♖xc7 g5 78 a6



Black to move.

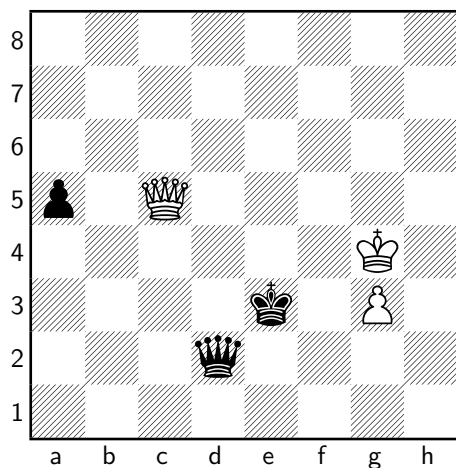
Solution: 29... ♕a1+ 30 ♕b1 ♕xb1#



White to move.

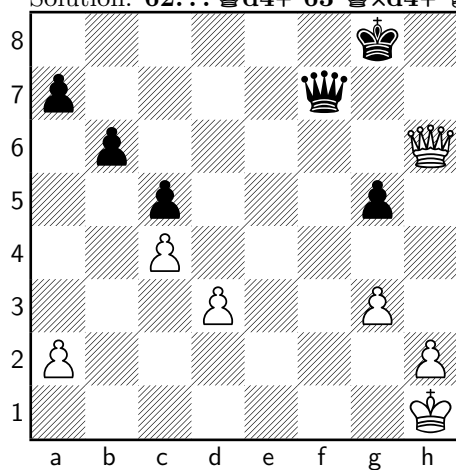
Solution: 49 ♕e5+ ♕xe5+ 50 ♖xe5





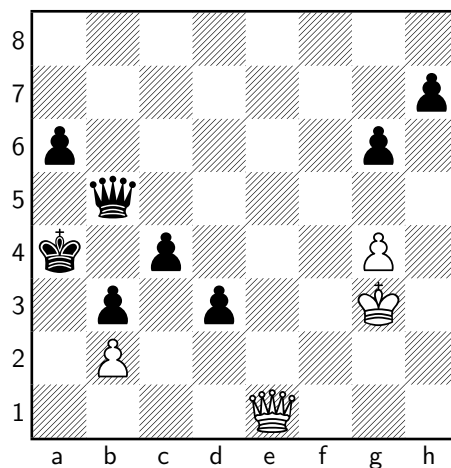
Black to move.

Solution: 62... ♕d4+ 63 ♕x d4+ ♔x d4



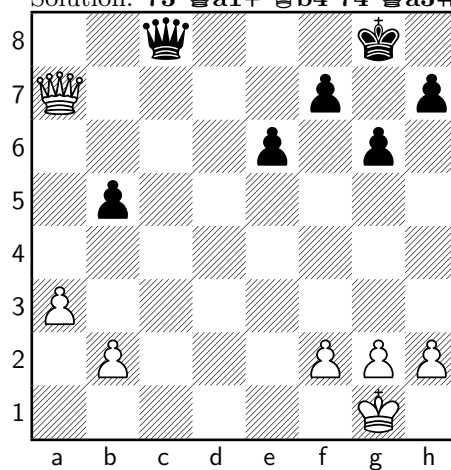
Black to move.

Solution: 38... ♕f1#



White to move.

Solution: 73 ♕a1+ ♔b4 74 ♕a3#

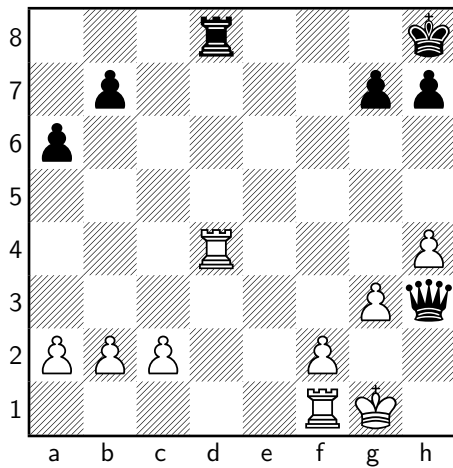


Black to move.

Solution: 35... ♕c1#

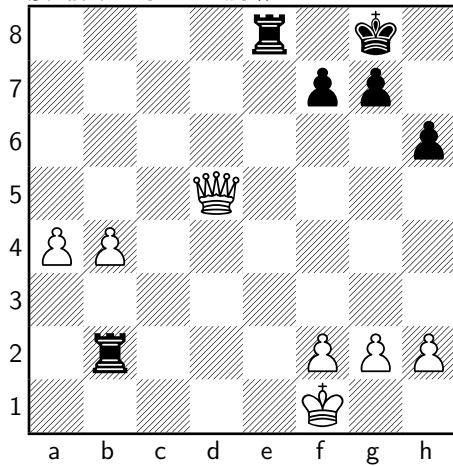
## 2.44 Queen and Rook

An endgame with only queens, rooks and pawns.



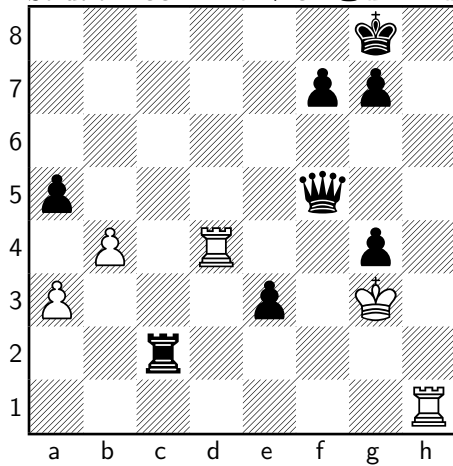
White to move.

Solution: **32 ♖xd8#**



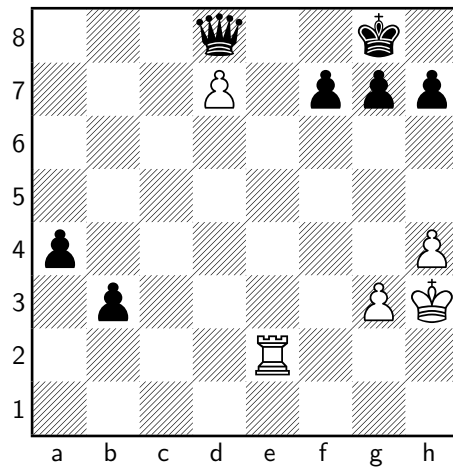
Black to move.

Solution: **33... ♖b1+ 34 ♚d1 ♖xd1#**



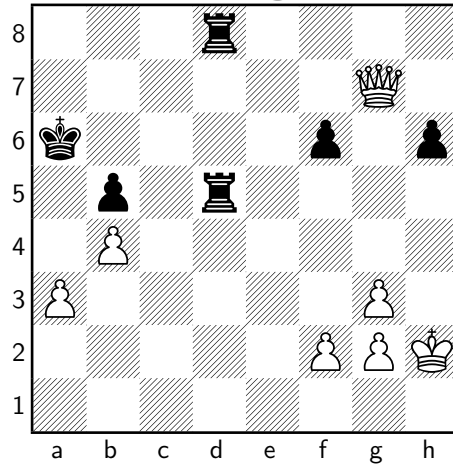
White to move.

Solution: **36 ♖d8#**



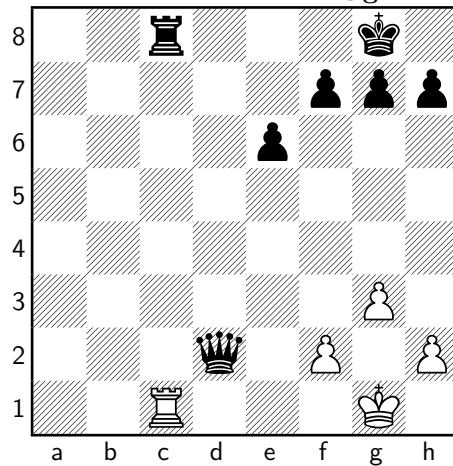
White to move.

Solution: **44 ♖e8+ ♚xe8 45 dxe8 ♚#**



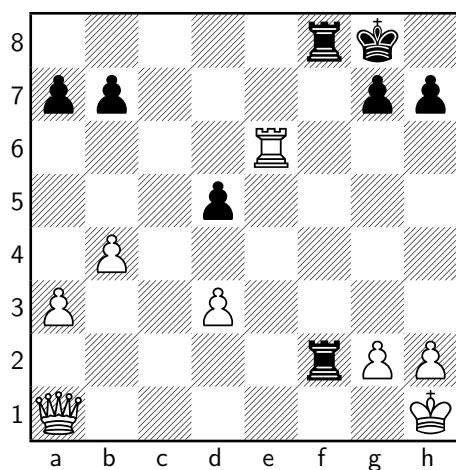
Black to move.

Solution: **29... ♖h5+ 30 ♚g1 ♖d1#**



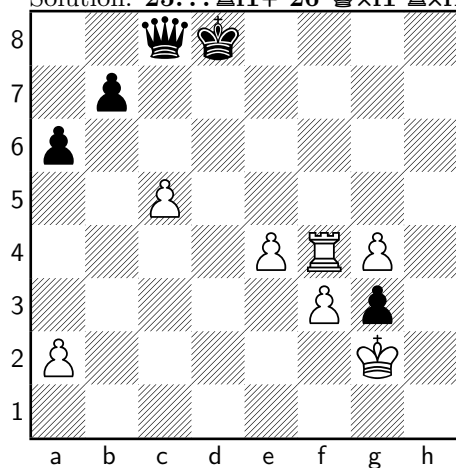
White to move.

Solution: **36 ♖xc8+ ♚d8 37 ♖xd8#**



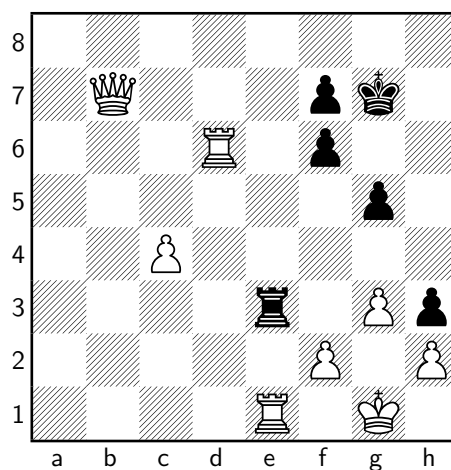
Black to move.

Solution: 25... ♖f1+ 26 ♔xf1 ♕xf1#



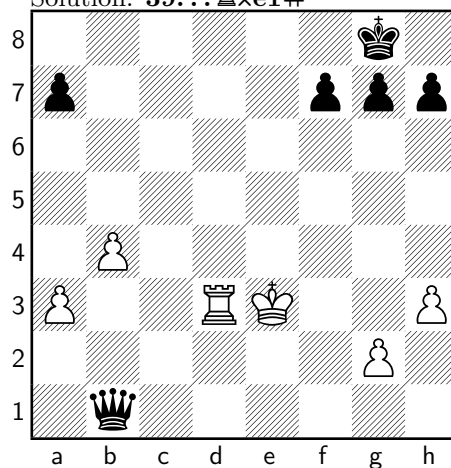
White to move.

Solution: 58 ♕f8+ ♖d7 59 ♕xc8



Black to move.

Solution: 39... ♕xe1#

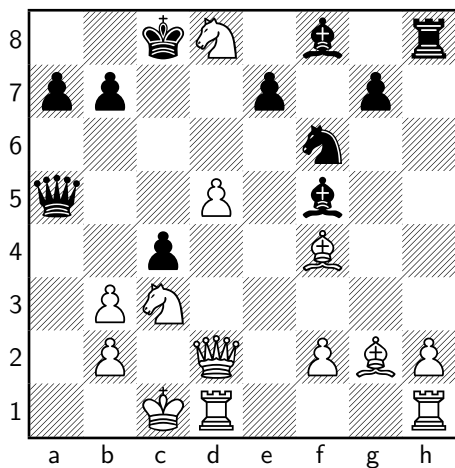


White to move.

Solution: 33 ♕d8#

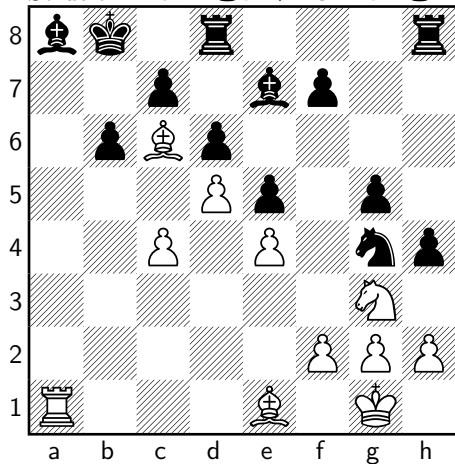
## 2.45 Queenside attack

An attack of the opponent's king, after they castled on the queen side.



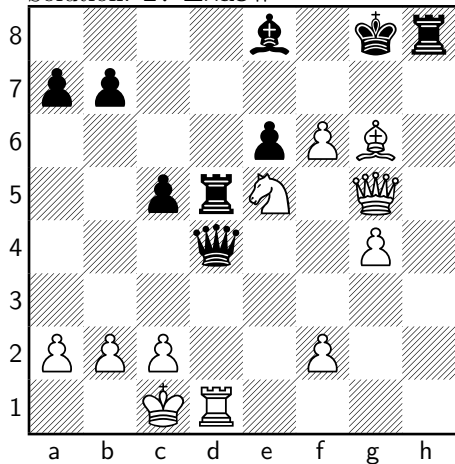
Black to move.

Solution: 17... ♖a1+ 18 ♘b1 ♕xb1#



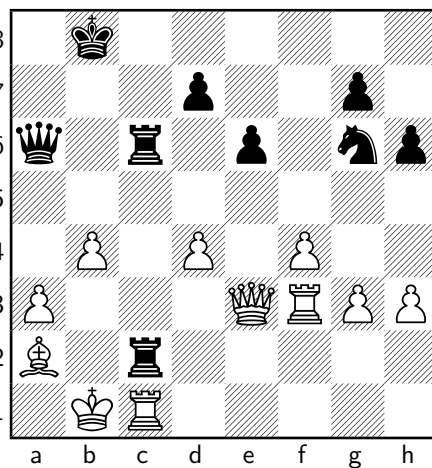
White to move.

Solution: 27 ♖xe8#



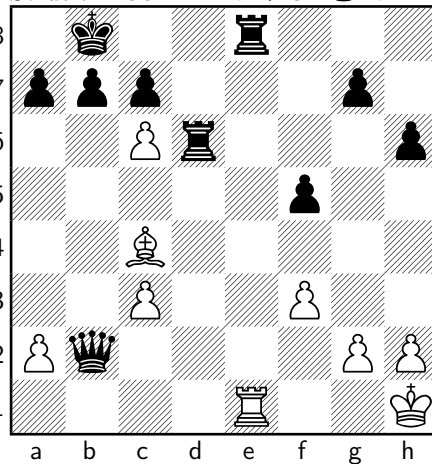
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♕xd1#



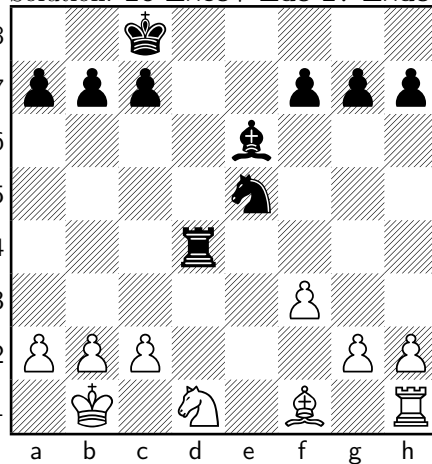
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♖xc1+ 31 ♕xc1 ♖xc1+



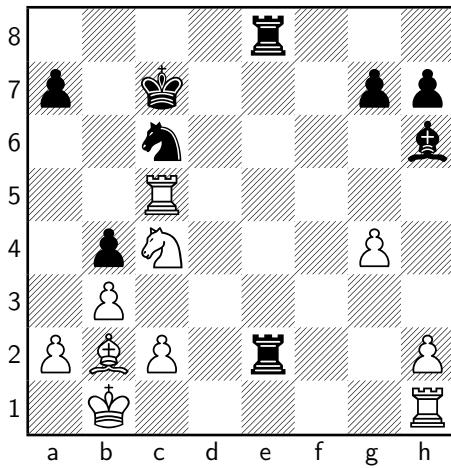
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♖xe8+ ♖d8 27 ♖xd8#



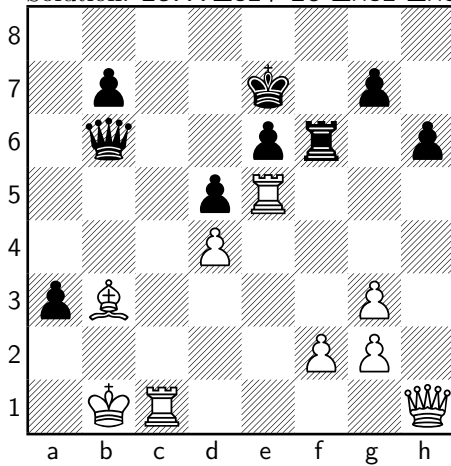
Black to move.

Solution: 17... ♖xd1#



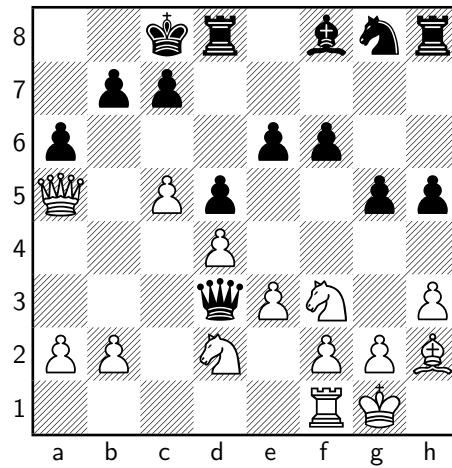
Black to move.

Solution: 25... ♖e1+ 26 ♜xe1 ♜xe1+



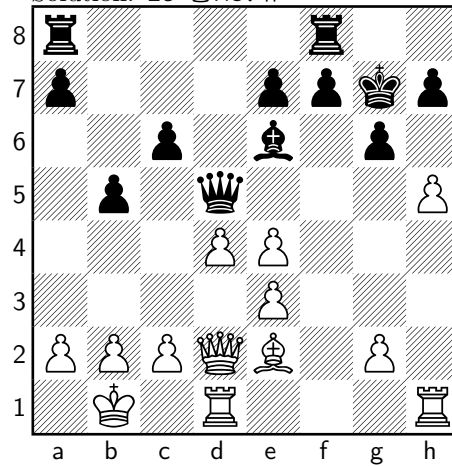
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♙xb3+ 31 ♔a1 ♙b2#



White to move.

Solution: 19 ♙xc7#

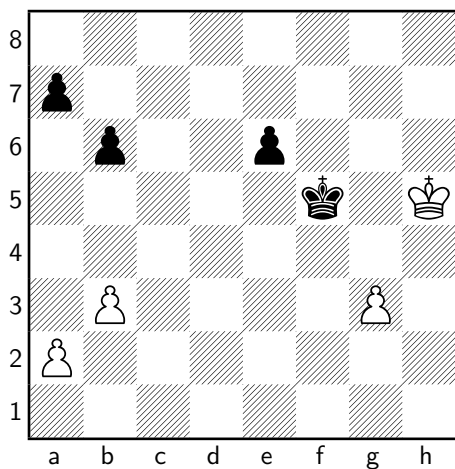


Black to move.

Solution: 17... ♙xa2+ 18 ♔c1 ♙a1#

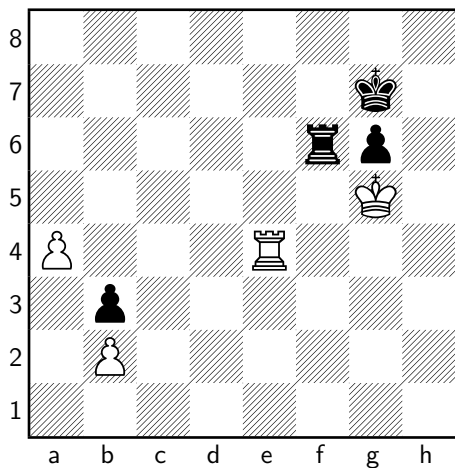
## 2.46 Quiet move

A move that does neither make a check or capture, nor an immediate threat to capture, but does prepare a more hidden unavoidable threat for a later move.



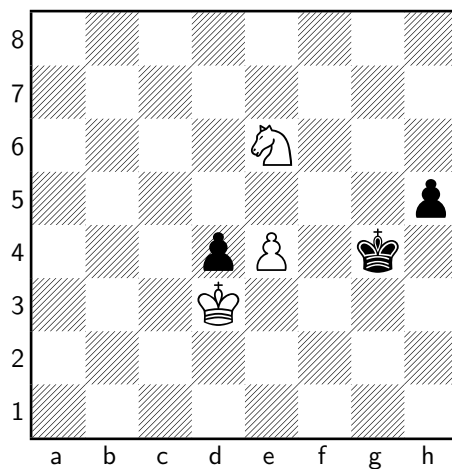
White to move.

Solution: 43 g4+ ♔f4 44 g5 e5 45 g6 e4 46 g7 e3 47 g8♔



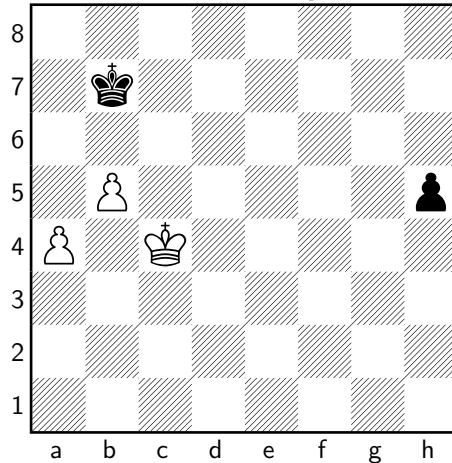
White to move.

Solution: 53 ♖e7+ ♜f7 54 ♜xf7+ ♔xf7 55 a5 ♔e6 56 a6 ♔d5 57 a7



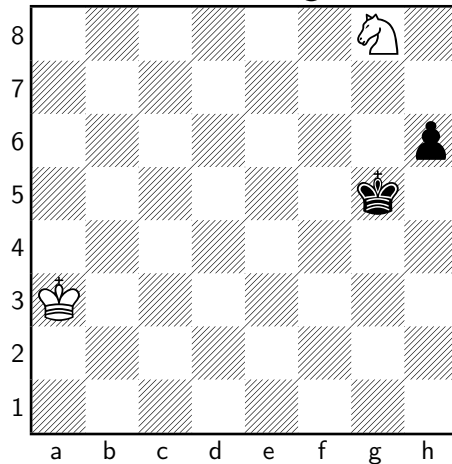
Black to move.

Solution: 62... h4 63 ♔xd4 h3



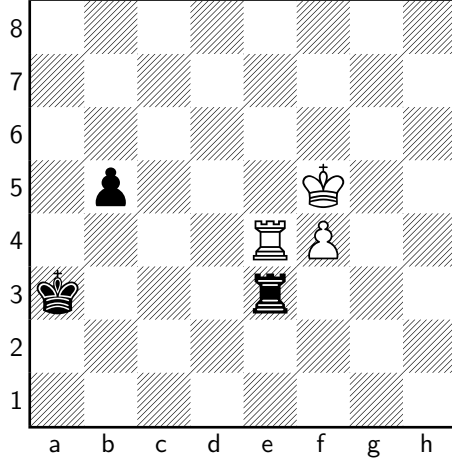
Black to move.

Solution: 51... h4 52 ♔d4 h3 53 ♔e3 h2



Black to move.

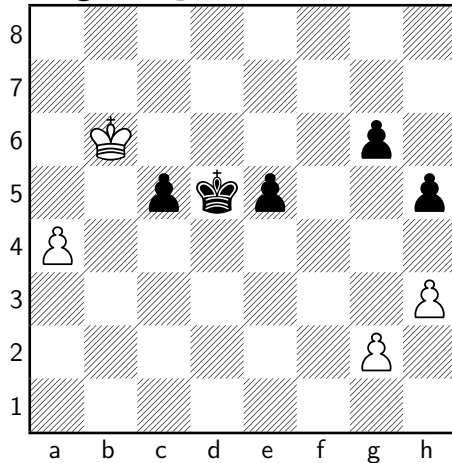
Solution: 80... h5 81 ♖e7 h4



Black to move.

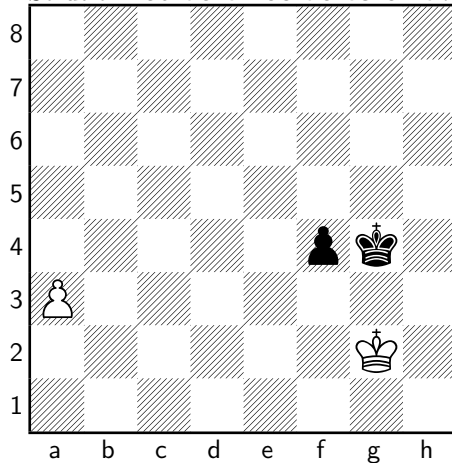
Solution: 43... ♖xe4 44 ♙xe4 b4 45 f5 b3 46 f6

b2 47 ♙e5 b1♞



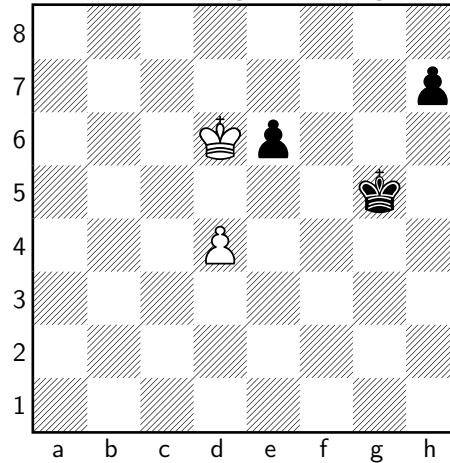
White to move.

Solution: 59 a5 c4 60 a6 c3 61 a7 c2 62 a8♞+



White to move.

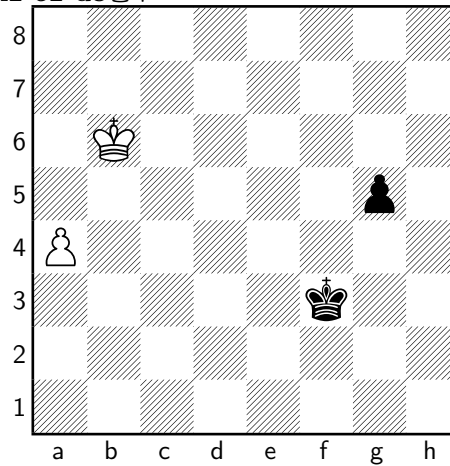
Solution: 58 a4 ♙f5 59 a5 ♙e4 60 a6



White to move.

Solution: 48 ♙xe6 h5 49 d5 h4 50 d6 h3 51 d7

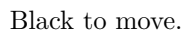
h2 52 d8♞+



White to move.

Solution: 51 a5 g4 52 a6 g3 53 a7 ♙f2 54 a8♞

An endgame with only rooks and pawns.



Black to move.

White to move.

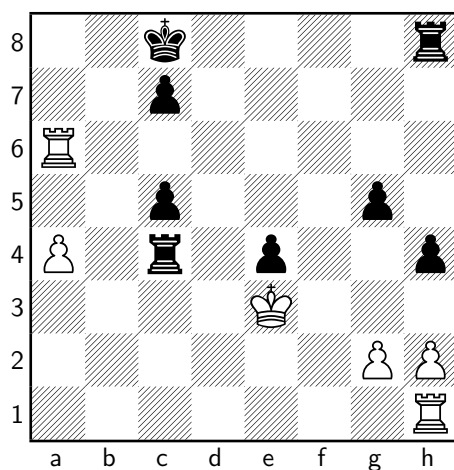
White to move.

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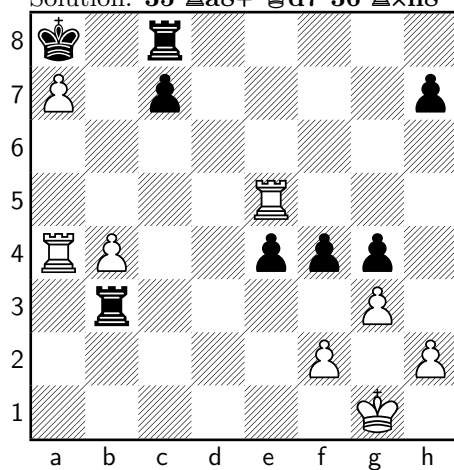
Solution: 55 ♖a8+ ♜c8 56 ♜xc8#





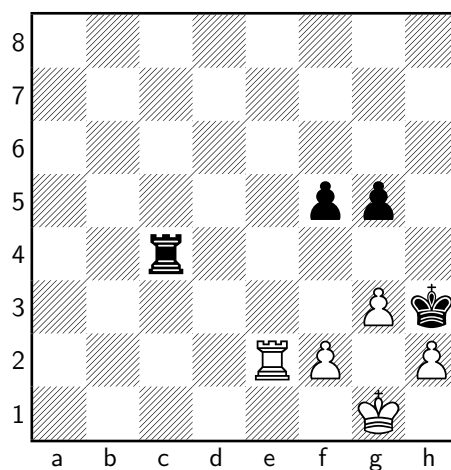
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♖a8+ ♔d7 36 ♖xh8



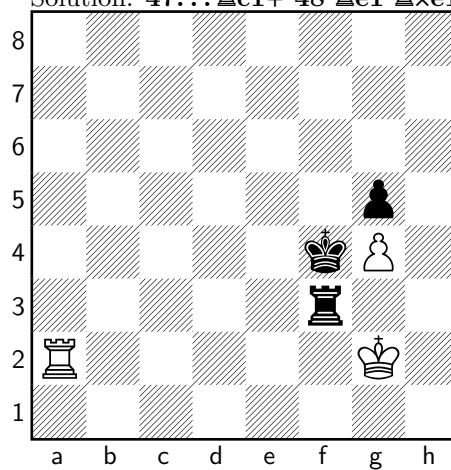
Black to move.

Solution: 38... ♜b1+ 39 ♔g2 f3#



Black to move.

Solution: 47... ♜c1+ 48 ♖e1 ♜xe1#

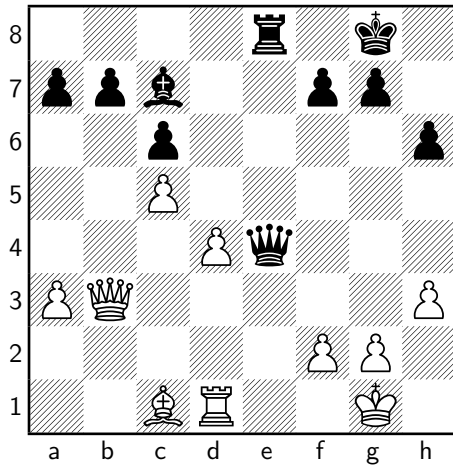


White to move.

Solution: 78 ♜a4+ ♔e3 79 ♜a3+

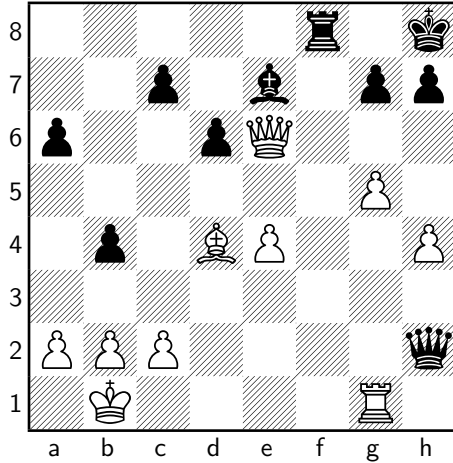
## 2.48 Sacrifice

A tactic involving giving up material in the short-term, to gain an advantage again after a forced sequence of moves.



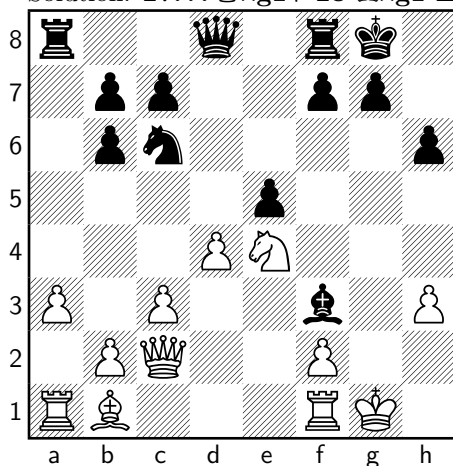
Black to move.

Solution: 28... ♖e1+ 29 ♜xe1 ♜xe1#



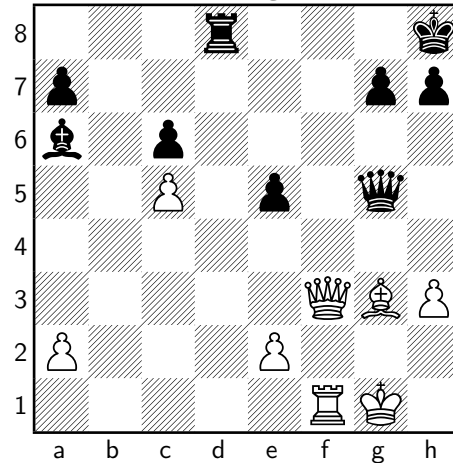
Black to move.

Solution: 27... ♖xg1+ 28 ♜xg1 ♜f1#



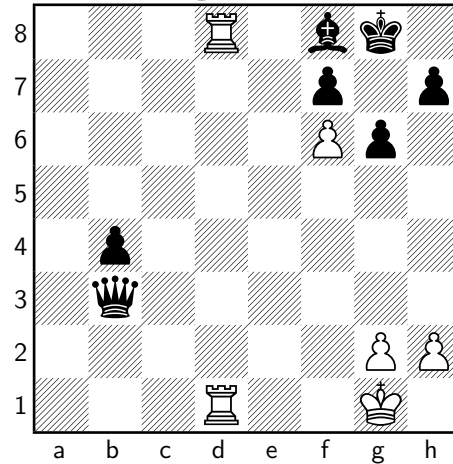
White to move.

Solution: 19 ♘f6+ gxf6 20 ♜h7#



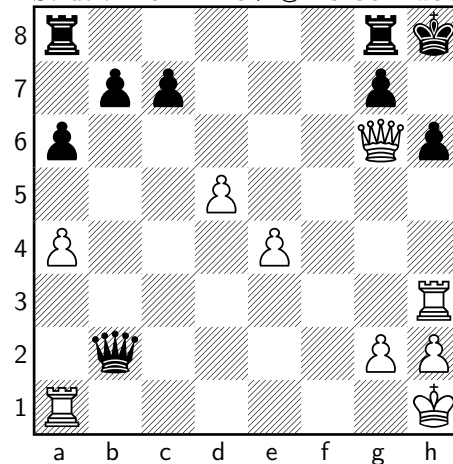
White to move.

Solution: 29 ♜f8+ ♜xf8 30 ♜xf8#



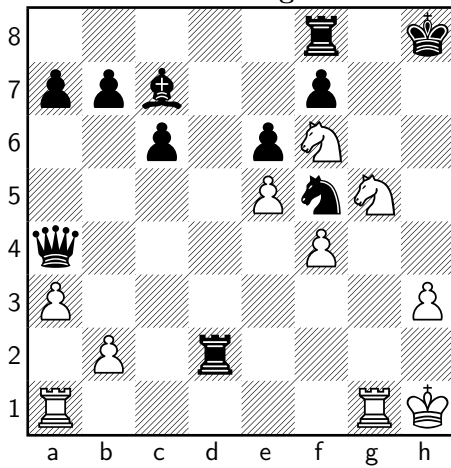
White to move.

Solution: 32 ♜xf8+ ♜xf8 33 ♜d8#



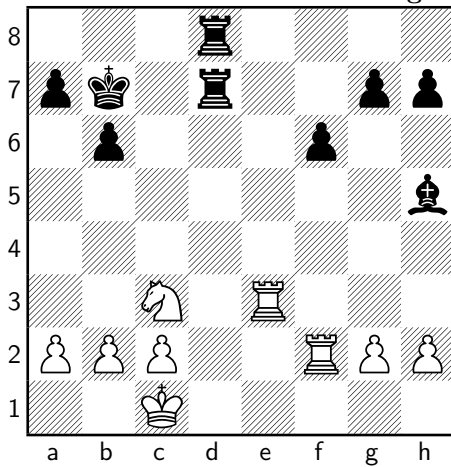
White to move.

Solution: 27 ♖xh6+ g×h6 28 ♔xh6#



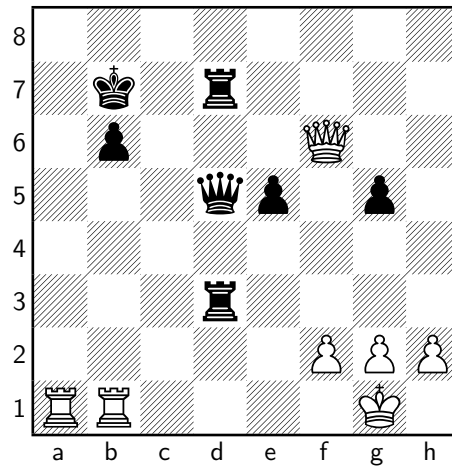
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♖xf7+ ♖xf7 35 ♖g8#



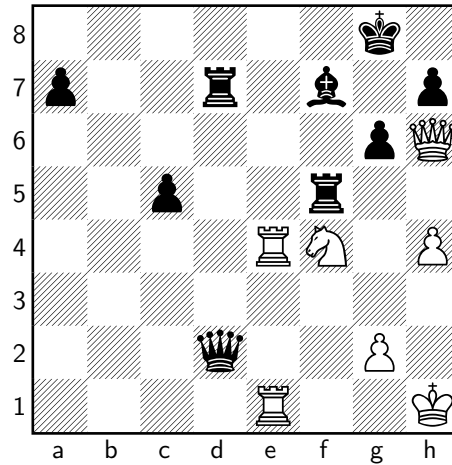
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♖d1+ 31 ♖xd1 ♖xd1#



Black to move.

Solution: 36... ♖d1+ 37 ♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 38 ♖xd1 ♖xd1#

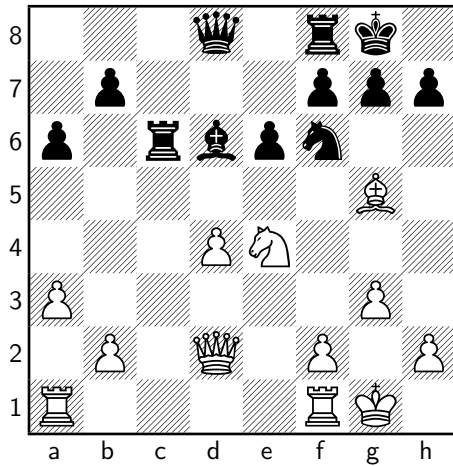


White to move.

Solution: 36 ♖e8+ ♖xe8 37 ♖xe8+ ♖f8 38 ♖xf8#

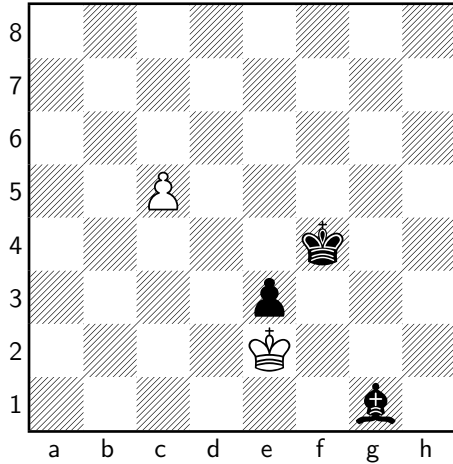
## 2.49 Short puzzle

Two moves to win.



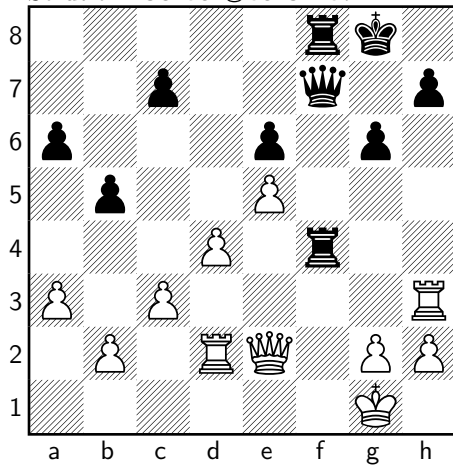
Black to move.

Solution: 16... ♖xe4 17 ♗xd8 ♖xd2



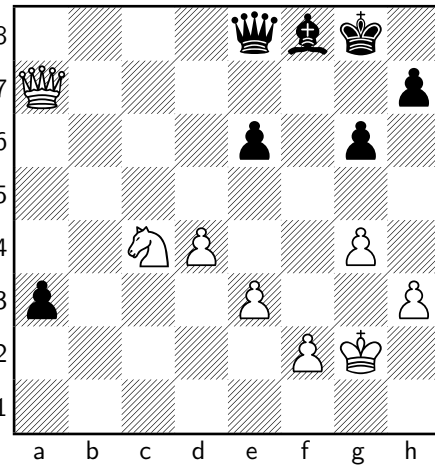
White to move.

Solution: 80 c6 ♔e5 81 c7



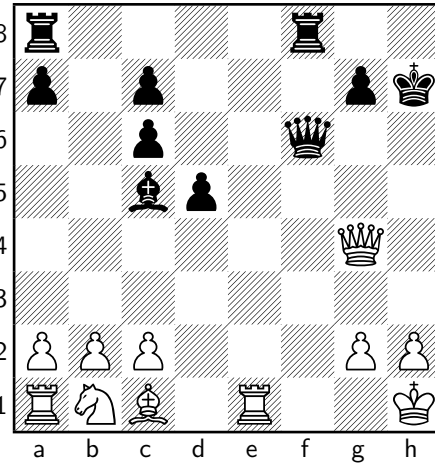
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♖f1+ 31 ♗xf1 ♗xf1#



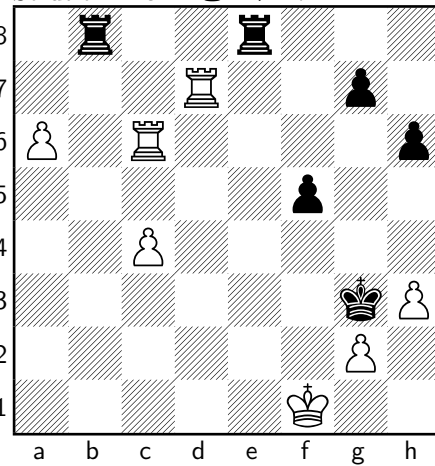
Black to move.

Solution: 37... ♗c6+ 38 e4 ♗xc4



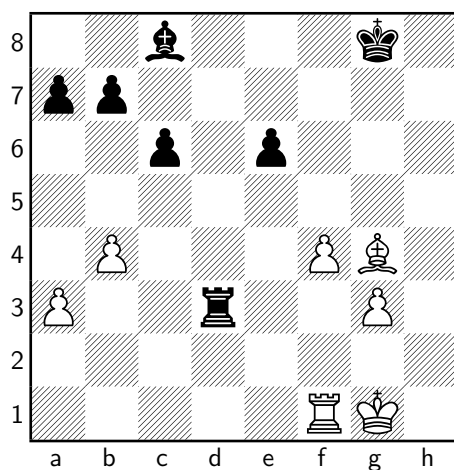
Black to move.

Solution: 16... ♗f1+ 17 ♖xf1 ♖xf1#



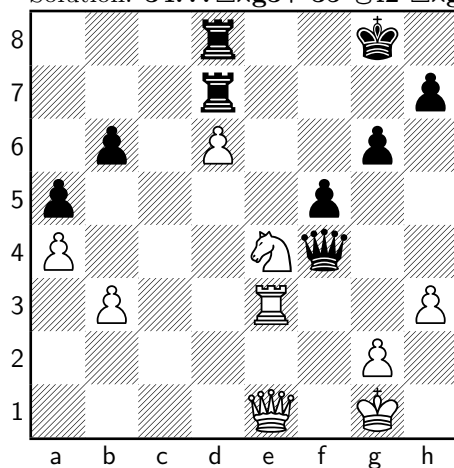
Black to move.

Solution: 46... ♖b1+ 47 ♖d1 ♖xd1#



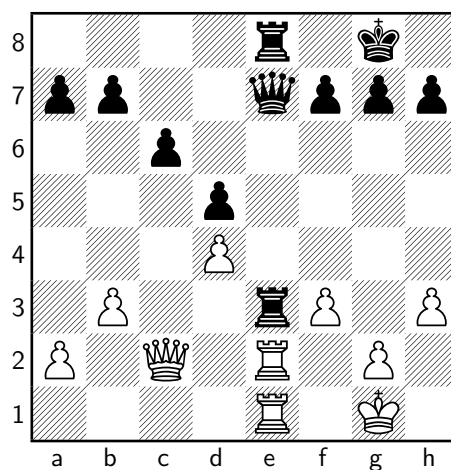
Black to move.

Solution: 34... ♖xg3+ 35 ♔f2 ♖xg4



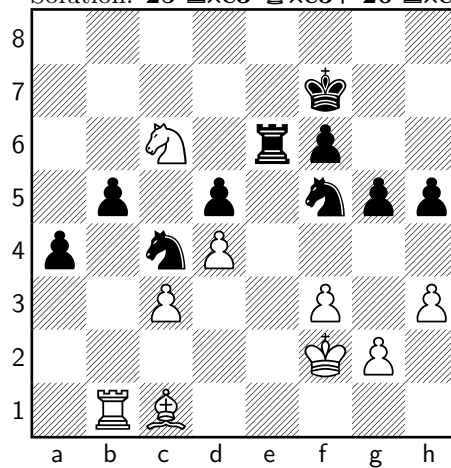
White to move.

Solution: 35 ♘f6+ ♔f7 36 ♘d7



White to move.

Solution: 25 ♖xe3 ♔xe3+ 26 ♖xe3

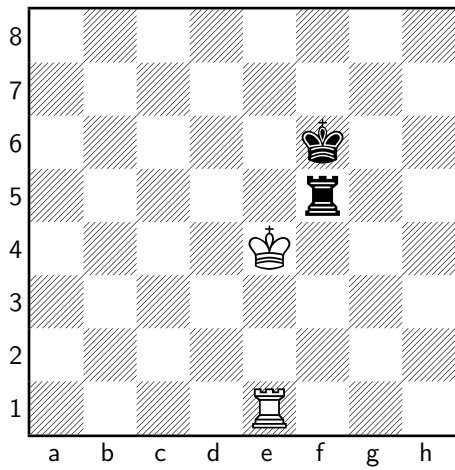


White to move.

Solution: 36 ♘d8+ ♔e7 37 ♘xe6

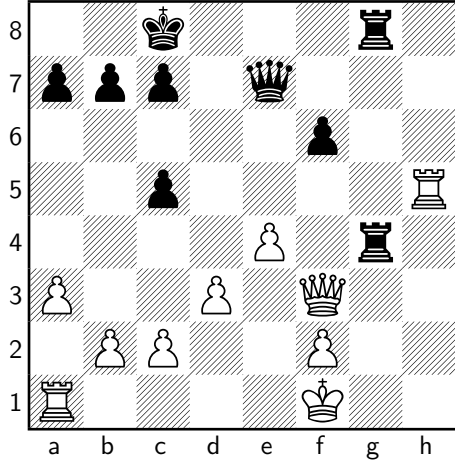
## 2.50 Skewer

A motif involving a high value piece being attacked, moving out the way, and allowing a lower value piece behind it to be captured or attacked, the inverse of a pin.



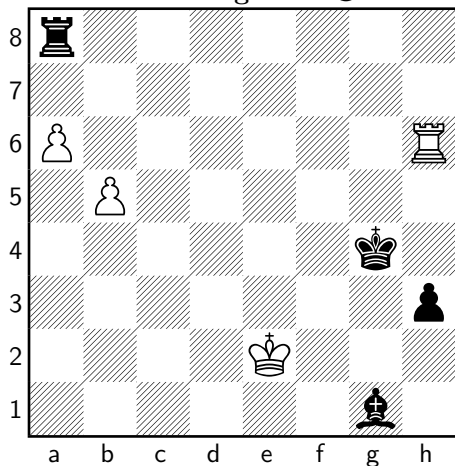
Black to move.

Solution: 71... ♖e5+ 72 ♔d4 ♖xe1



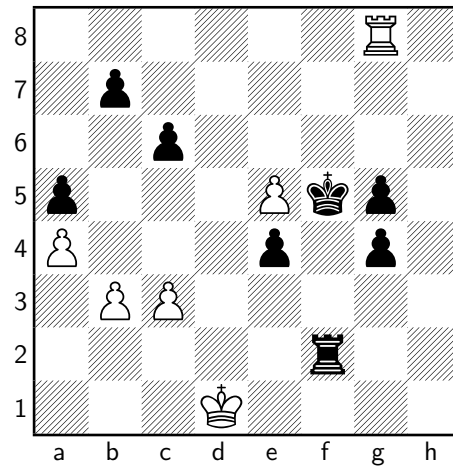
Black to move.

Solution: 24... ♖g1+ 25 ♔e2 ♖xa1



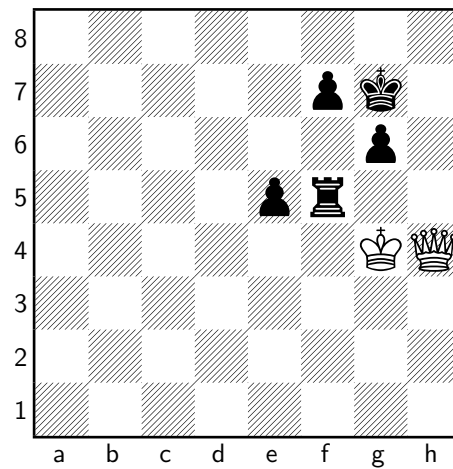
White to move.

Solution: 52 ♖g6+ ♔f5 53 ♖xg1



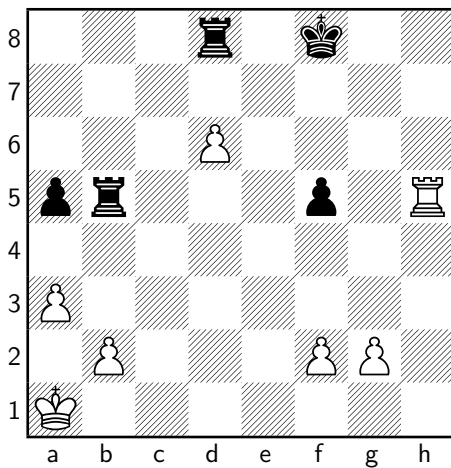
White to move.

Solution: 40 ♖f8+ ♔e6 41 ♖xf2

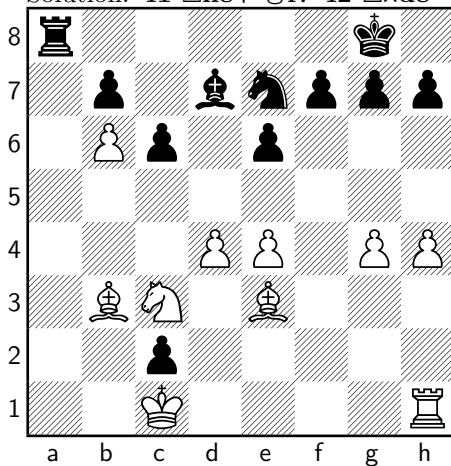


Black to move.

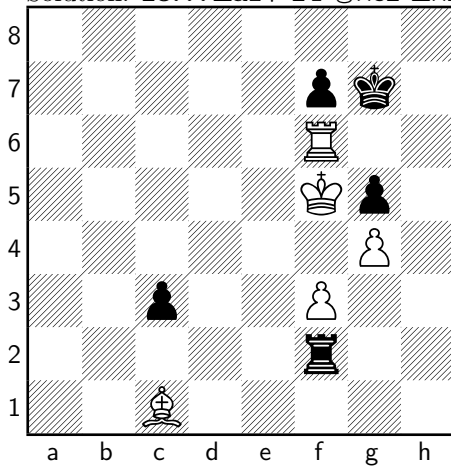
Solution: 50... ♖f4+ 51 ♔g3 ♖xh4



Solution: 41 Bxh8+ ♔f7 42 Bxg8

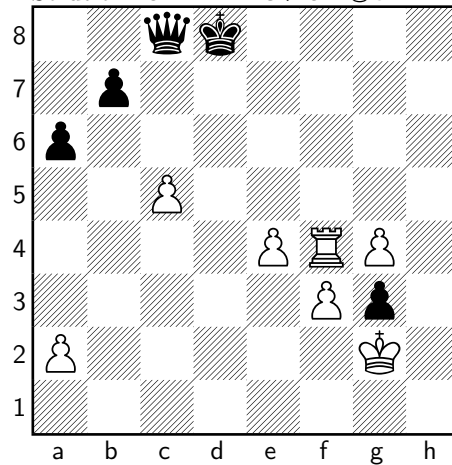


Solution: 23... Ra1+ 24 ♔xc2 ♖xh1

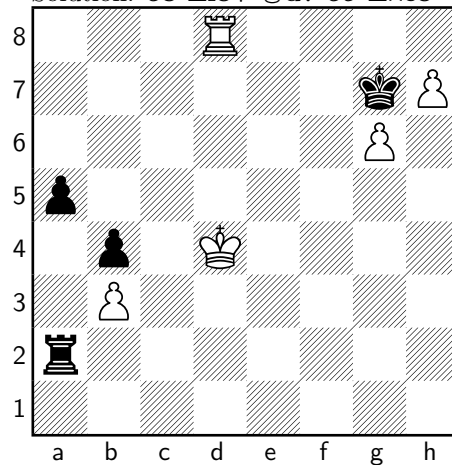


Black to move.

Solution: 51... ♖xf3+ 52 ♔e4 ♖xf6



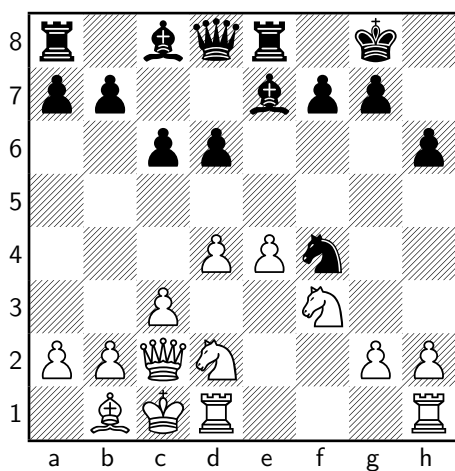
Solution: 58 Bf8+ ♔d7 59 Bxc8



Solution: 54... Rd2+ 55 ♔c4 ♖xd8

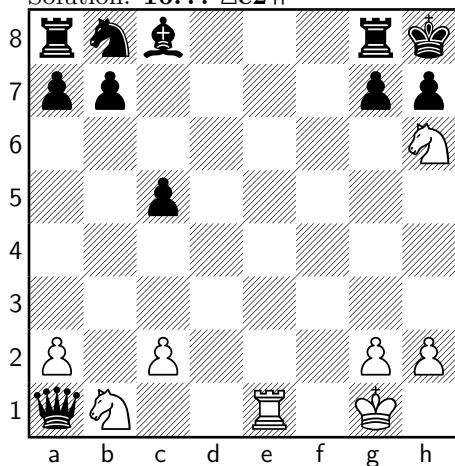
## 2.51 Smothered mate

A checkmate delivered by a knight in which the mated king is unable to move because it is surrounded (or smothered) by its own pieces.



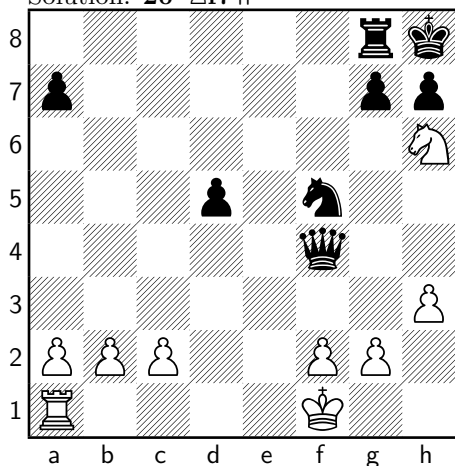
Black to move.

Solution: 16... ♖e2#



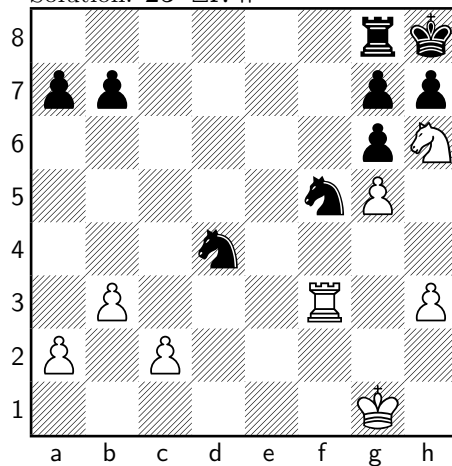
White to move.

Solution: 20 ♖f7#



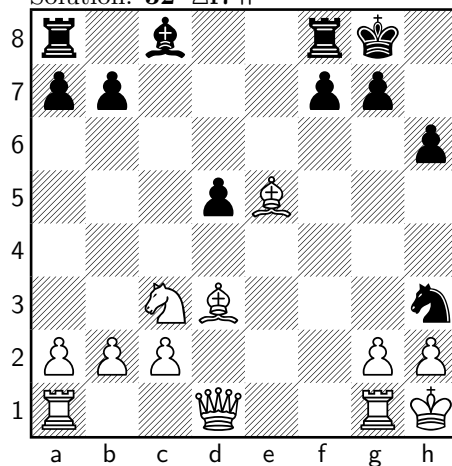
White to move.

Solution: 25 ♘f7#



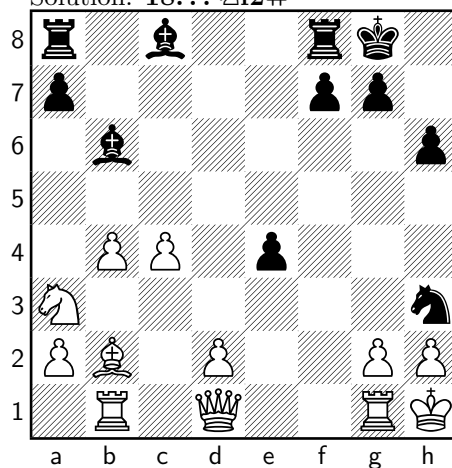
White to move.

Solution: 32 ♘f7#



Black to move.

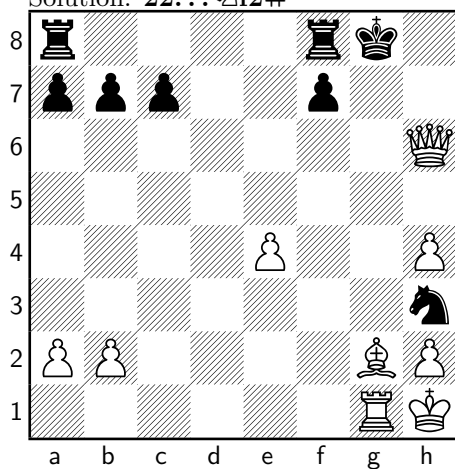
Solution: 18... ♘f2#





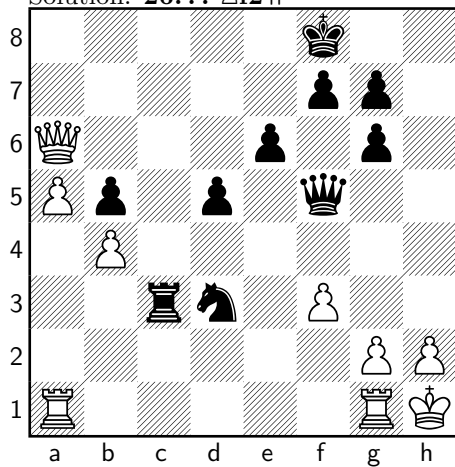
Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♖f2#



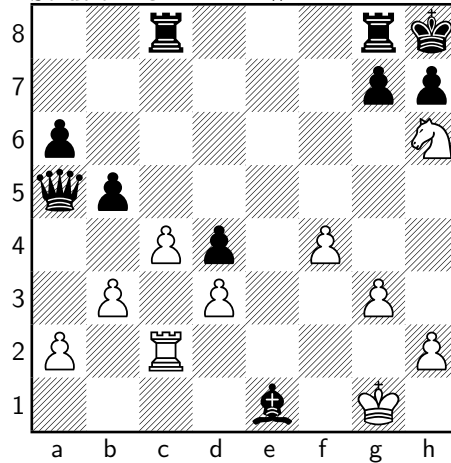
Black to move.

Solution: 26... ♖f2#



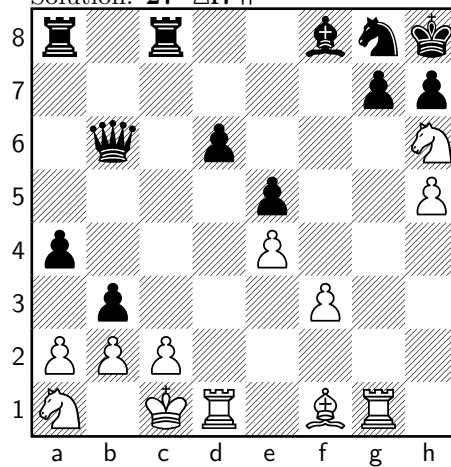
Black to move.

Solution: 34... ♖f2#



White to move.

Solution: 27 ♖f7#

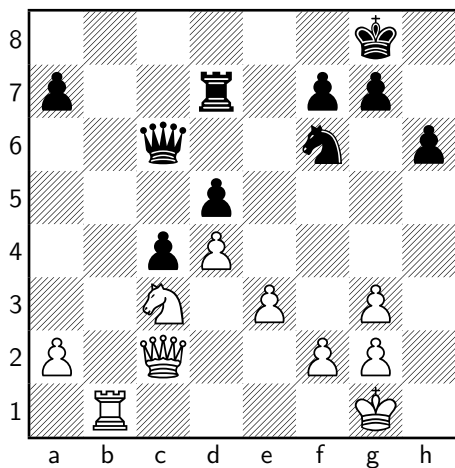


White to move.

Solution: 28 ♖f7#

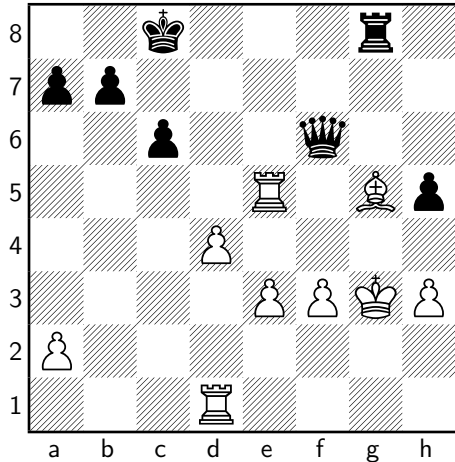
## 2.52 Super GM games

Puzzles from games played by the best players in the world.



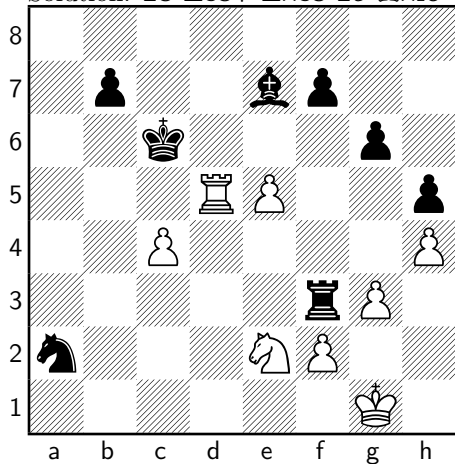
White to move.

Solution: 30 ♖b8+ ♜d8 31 ♜x d8+



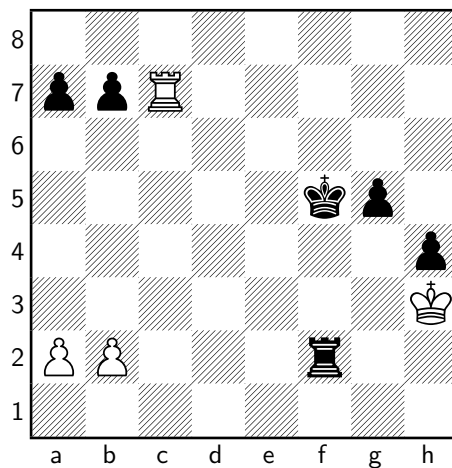
White to move.

Solution: 28 ♜e8+ ♜xe8 29 ♘xf6



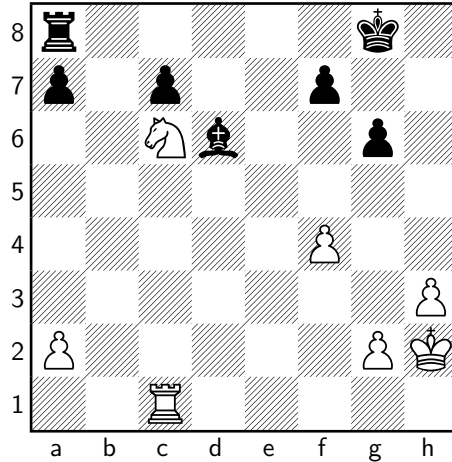
White to move.

Solution: 28 ♘d4+ ♜c7 29 ♘xf3



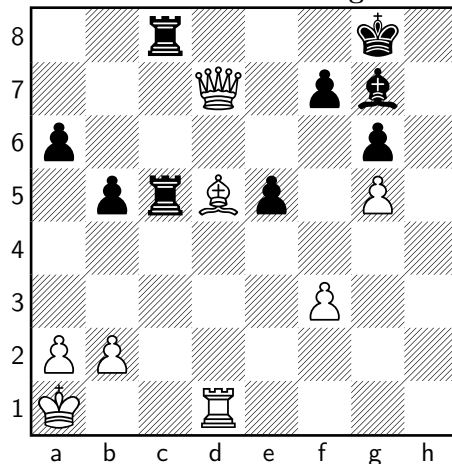
White to move.

Solution: 34 ♜f7+ ♜e5 35 ♜xf2



Black to move.

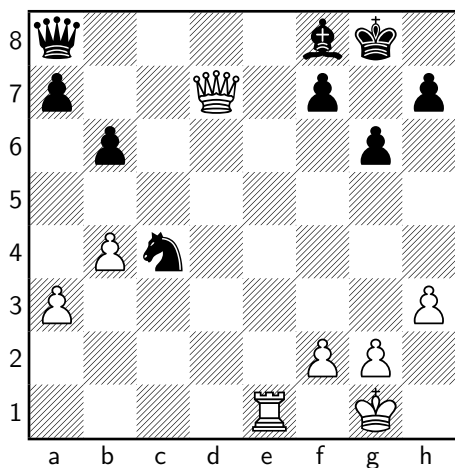
Solution: 29... ♘xf4+ 30 g3 ♘xc1



Black to move.

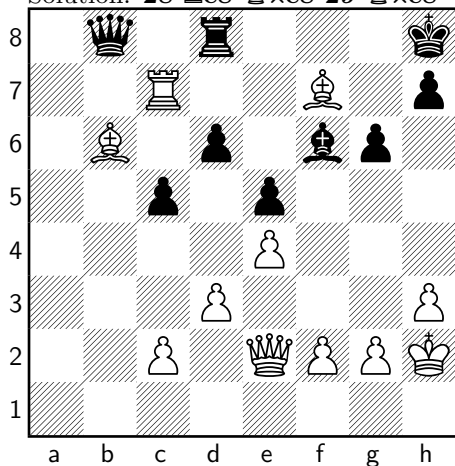
Solution: 36... ♜c1+ 37 ♜xc1 ♜xc1#





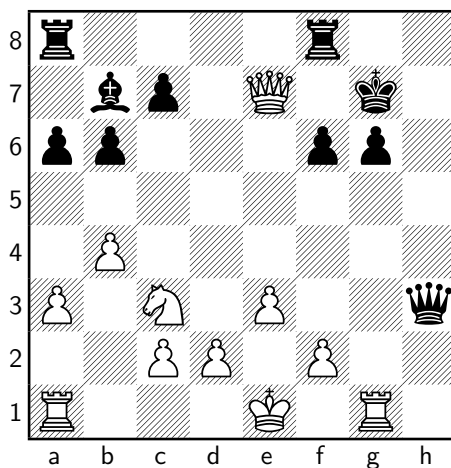
White to move.

Solution: 28 ♖e8 ♕xe8 29 ♕xe8



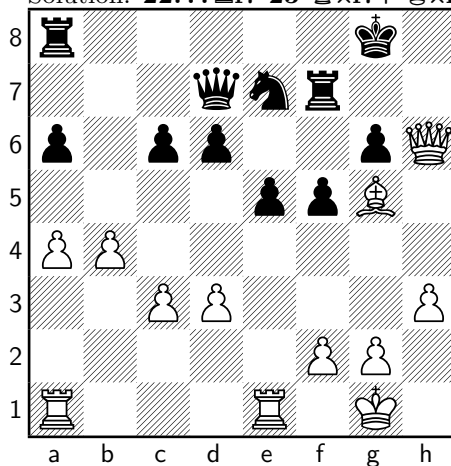
Black to move.

Solution: 29... ♕xb6 30 ♗xg6 ♕xc7



Black to move.

Solution: 22... ♗f7 23 ♕xf7+ ♖xf7

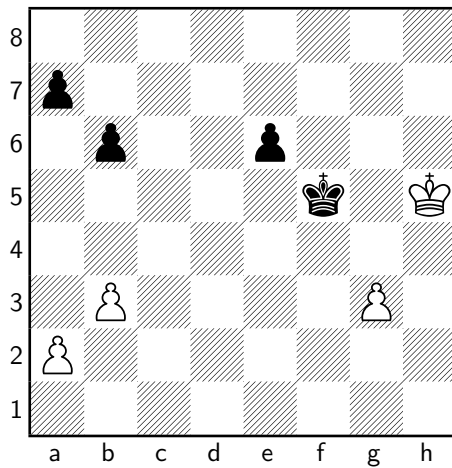


Black to move.

Solution: 24... ♗h7 25 ♕xh7+ ♖xh7

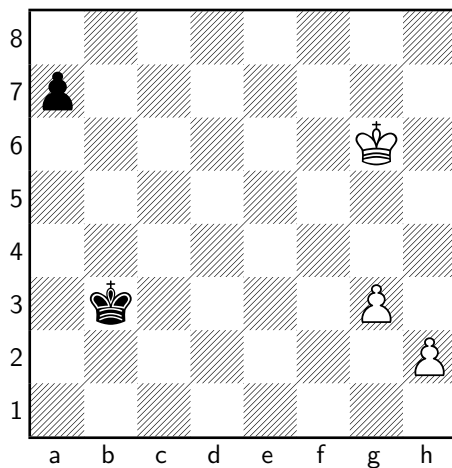
## 2.54 Very long puzzle

Four moves or more to win.



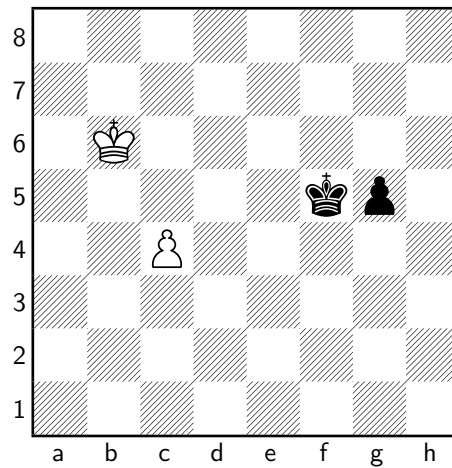
White to move.

Solution: 43 g4+ ♖f4 44 g5 e5 45 g6 e4 46 g7 e3 47 g8♔



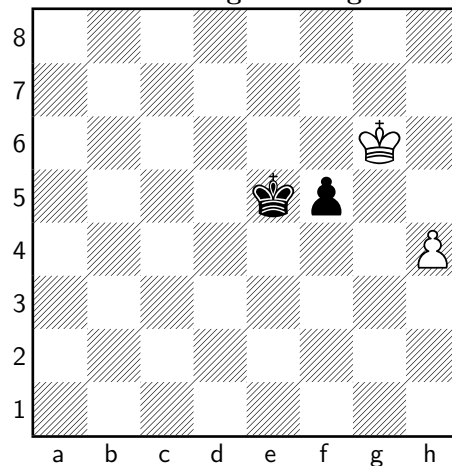
Black to move.

Solution: 44... a5 45 g4 a4 46 g5 a3 47 ♖f7 a2 48 g6 a1♔



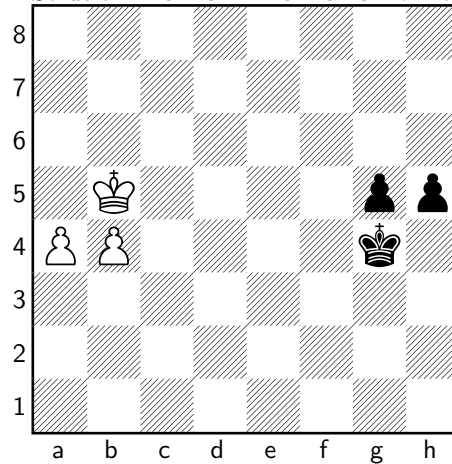
White to move.

Solution: 64 c5 g4 65 c6 g3 66 c7 ♖f4 67 c8♔



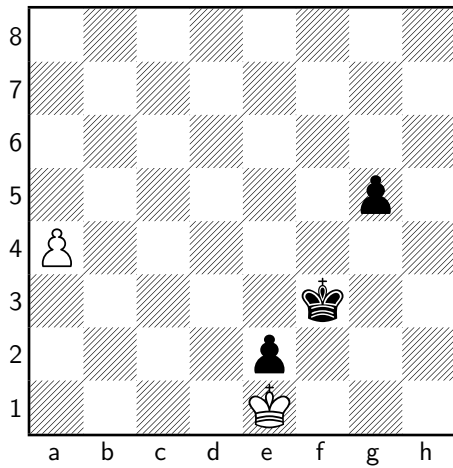
White to move.

Solution: 45 h5 f4 46 h6 f3 47 h7 f2 48 h8♔+



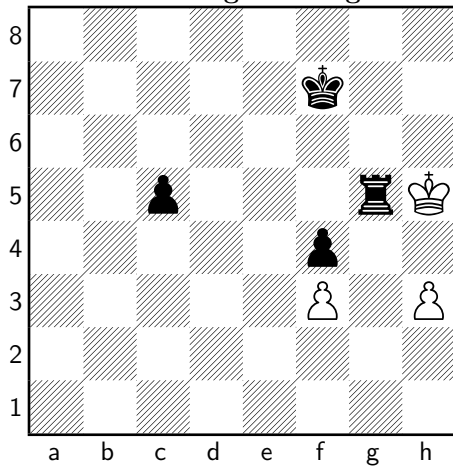
White to move.

Solution: 51 a5 ♖h4 52 a6 g4 53 a7 g3 54 a8♔



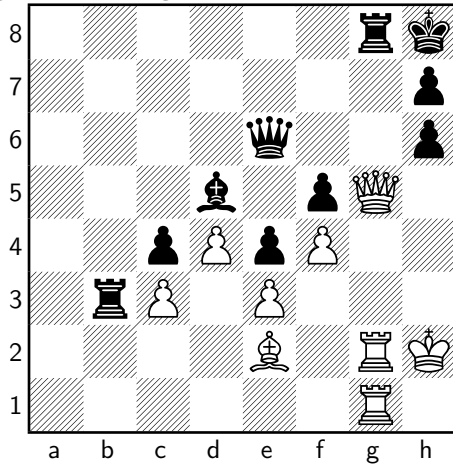
White to move.

Solution: 60 a5 g4 61 a6 g3 62 a7 g2 63 a8♚+



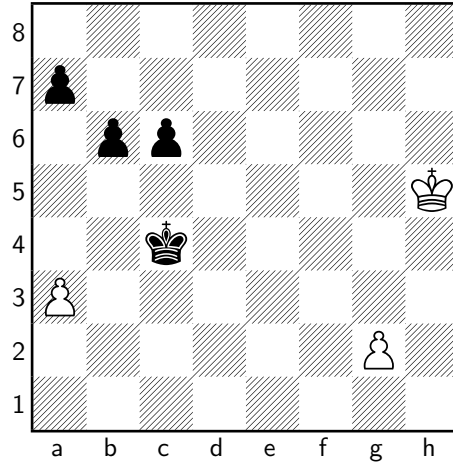
White to move.

Solution: 41 ♖xg5 c4 42 ♖xf4 c3 43 ♖e3 c2 44 ♖d2 c1♞ 45 ♖xc1



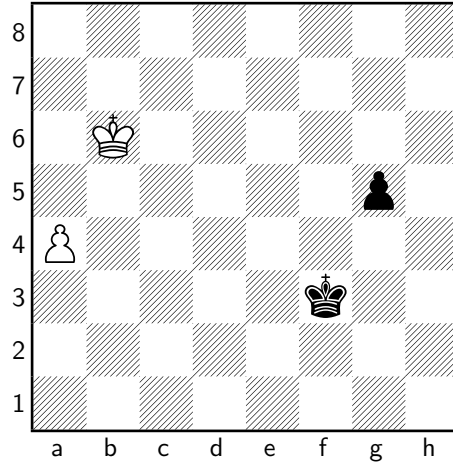
White to move.

Solution: 32 ♚xg8+ ♚xg8 33 ♞xg8+ ♞xg8 34 ♞xg8+ ♞xg8 35 ♞xc4+ ♞f8 36 ♞xb3



White to move.

Solution: 52 g4 ♖d3 53 g5 c5 54 g6 c4 55 g7

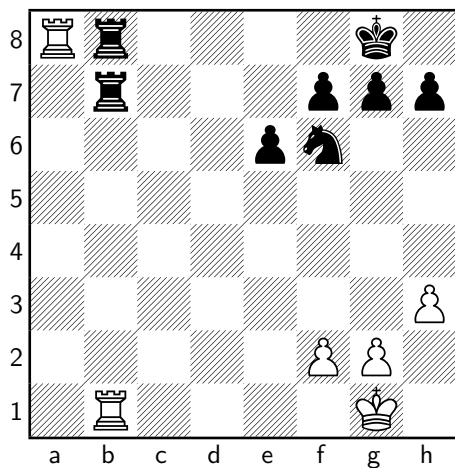


White to move.

Solution: 51 a5 g4 52 a6 g3 53 a7 ♖f2 54 a8♚

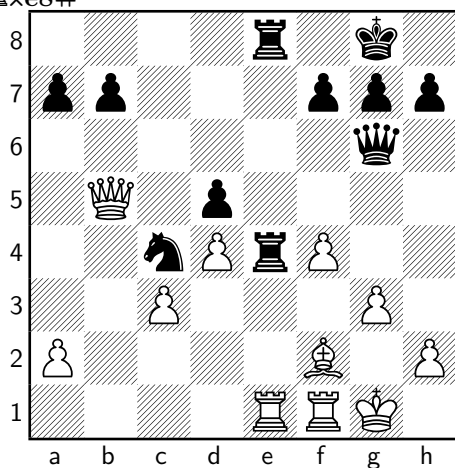
## 2.55 X-Ray attack

A piece attacks or defends a square, through an enemy piece.



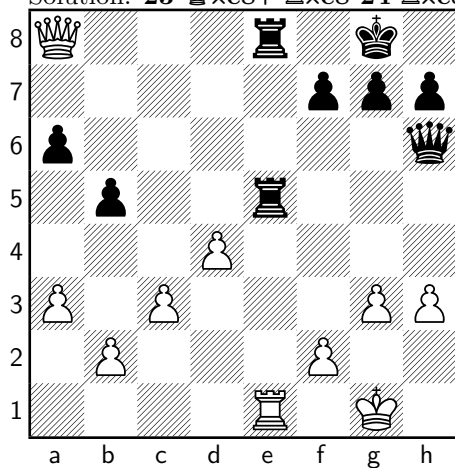
White to move.

Solution: 26 ♖xb8+ ♜xb8 27 ♜xb8+ ♔e8 28 ♜xe8#



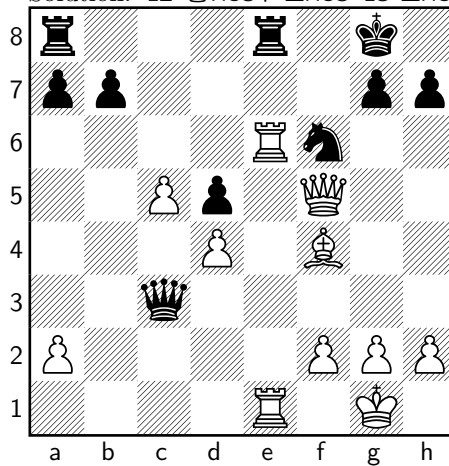
White to move.

Solution: 23 ♖xe8+ ♜xe8 24 ♜xe8#



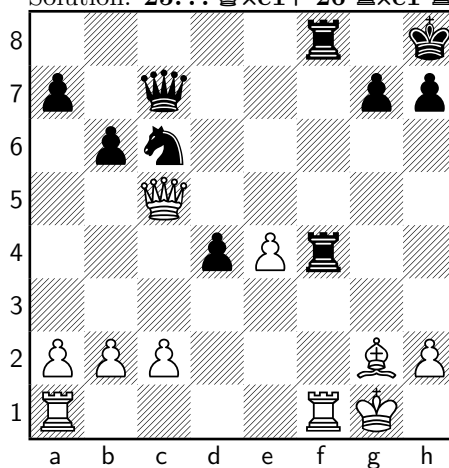
White to move.

Solution: 42 ♖xe8+ ♜xe8 43 ♜xe8#



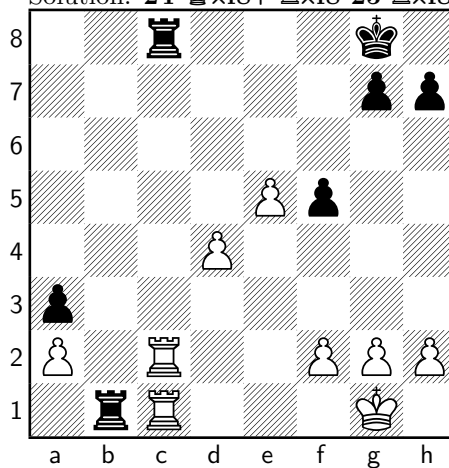
Black to move.

Solution: 25... ♖xe1+ 26 ♜xe1 ♜xe1#



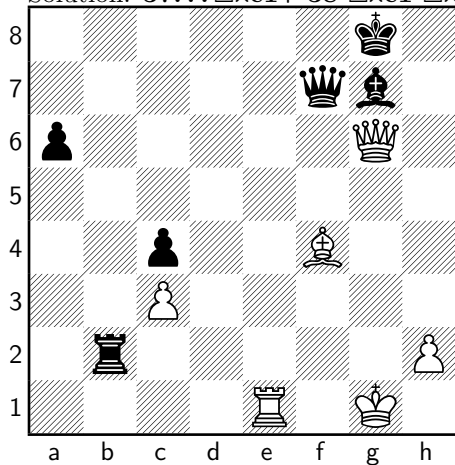
White to move.

Solution: 24 ♖xf8+ ♜xf8 25 ♜xf8#



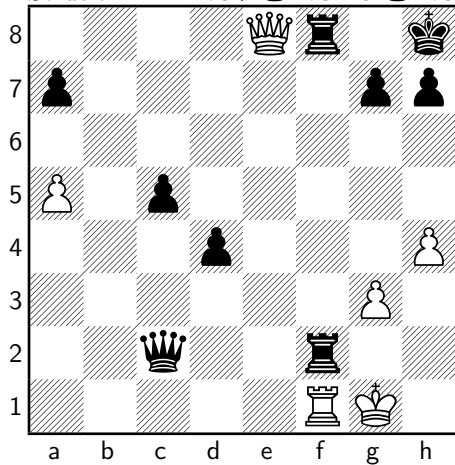
Black to move.

Solution: 37... ♖xc1+ 38 ♖xc1 ♖xc1#



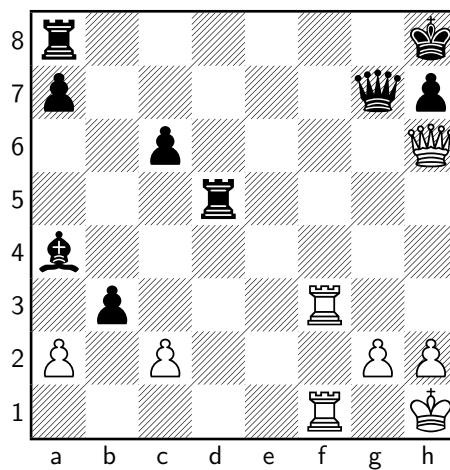
White to move.

Solution: 42 ♖e8+ ♗xe8 43 ♗xe8+



White to move.

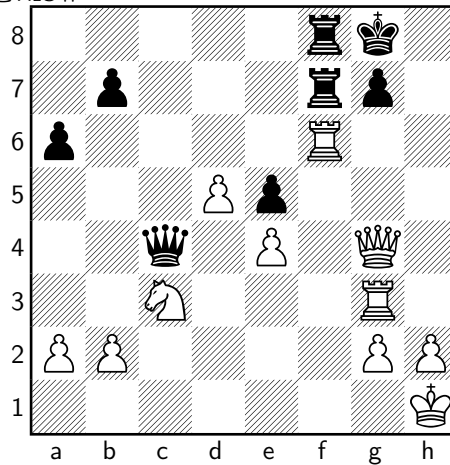
Solution: 41 ♗xf8+ ♖xf8 42 ♖xf8#



White to move.

Solution: 28 ♖f8+ ♖xf8 29 ♖xf8+ ♗xf8 30

♗xf8#



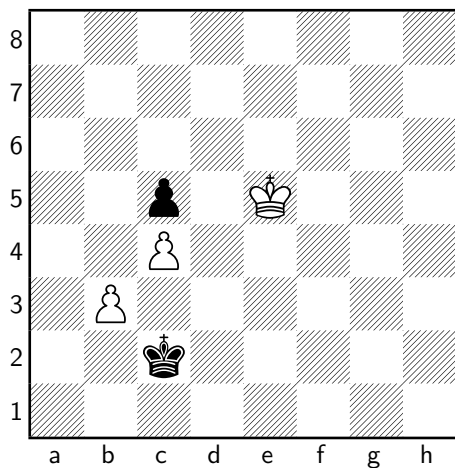
Black to move.

Solution: 30... ♗f1+ 31 ♖xf1 ♖xf1#



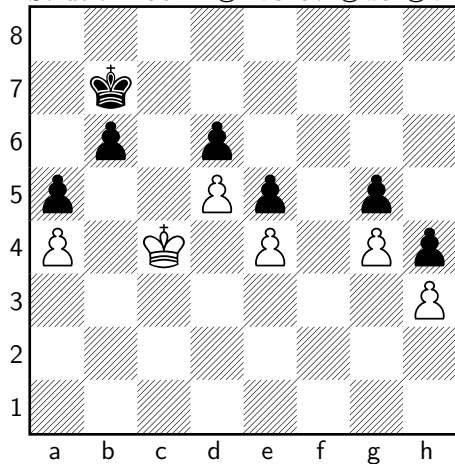
## 2.56 Zugzwang

The opponent is limited in the moves they can make, and all moves worsen their position.



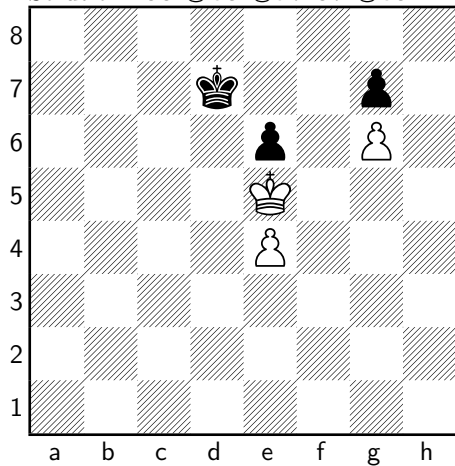
Black to move.

Solution: 66... ♖xb3 67 ♖d5 ♖b4



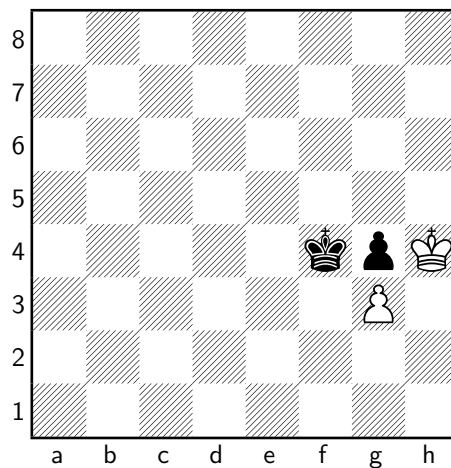
White to move.

Solution: 66 ♖b5 ♖a7 67 ♖c6



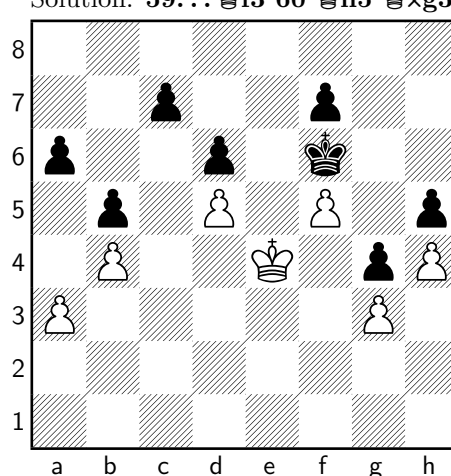
Black to move.

Solution: 50... ♖e7 51 ♖d4 ♖f6



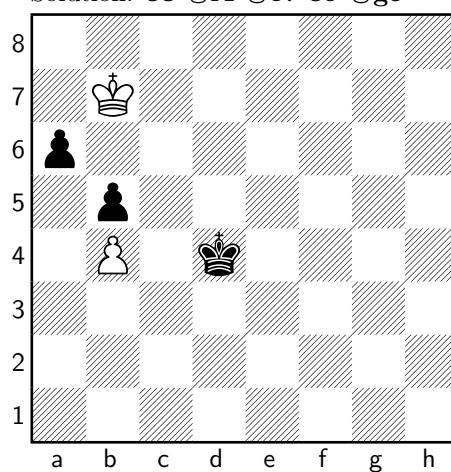
Black to move.

Solution: 59... ♖f3 60 ♖h5 ♖xg3



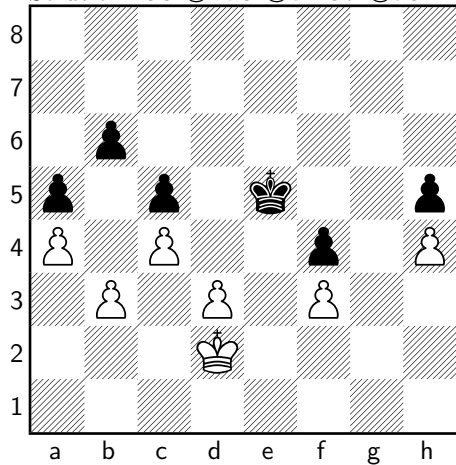
White to move.

Solution: 38 ♖f4 ♖e7 39 ♖g5



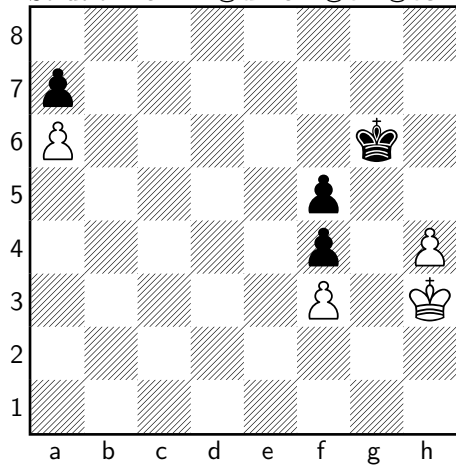
White to move.

Solution: 56 ♖xa6 ♖c4 57 ♖a5



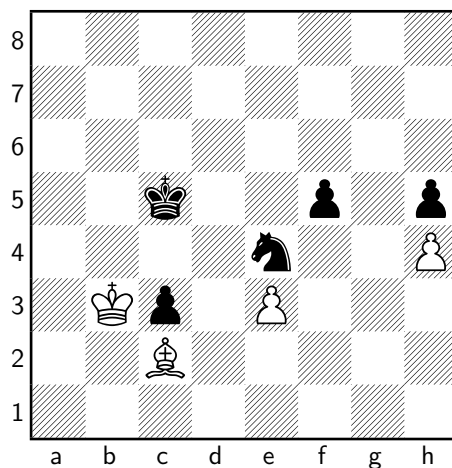
Black to move.

Solution: 51... ♖d4 52 ♖e2 ♖c3



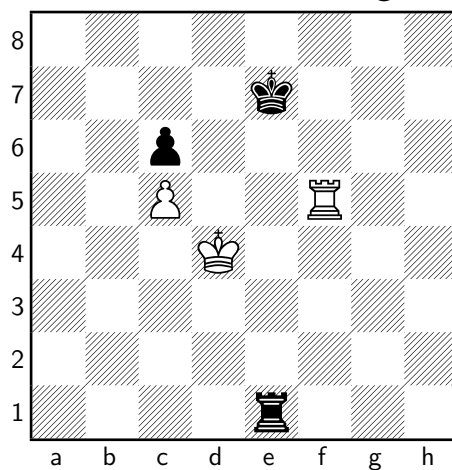
Black to move.

Solution: 68... ♖h5 69 ♖h2 ♖xh4



White to move.

Solution: 52 ♙xe4 fxe4 53 ♖xc3



White to move.

Solution: 68 ♖e5+ ♖xe5 69 ♖xe5